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**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HOPEDALE**



ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST EDITION

JULY 1, 2007 TO JUNE 30, 2008

FISCAL YEAR 2008

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GENERAL INTEREST INFORMATION

Town of Hopedale – Incorporated April 7, 1886

POPULATION	6,025
REGISTERED VOTERS	3,800
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:	Third Tuesday in May
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION:	Second Tuesday in May
AREA:	5.12 Square Miles



Editor's Notes:

Thank you to the officials who submitted reports for this edition.

The Town website can be viewed at:

www.hopedale-ma.gov

TOWN OF HOPEDALE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

GENERAL OFFICE:	Area Code (508)
Town Hall	634-2203 (MAIN NO.)
78 Hopedale Street	634-2204
P.O. Box 7	634-2205
Board of Selectmen.....	Ext. 210
Town Coordinator	Ext. 213
Board of Assessors	Ext. 224
Town Accountant.....	Ext. 219
Town Clerk	Ext. 215
Town Treasurer/Tax Collector	Ext. 218
Water/Sewer Department	Ext. 217
 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.....	 634-2203
7 Depot Street.....	Ext. 221
 COUNCIL ON AGING.....	 634-2208
 BANCROFT LIBRARY	 634-2209
 POLICE DEPARTMENT	 624-2227
Police Emergency.....	911
 FIRE DEPARTMENT.....	 473-1050
Fire/Medical Emergency	911
 WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.....	 634-2210
154 Mendon Street	
 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:	
Memorial School – 54 Adin Street	634-2214
Junior/Senior High School – 25 Adin Street	
Superintendent's Office.....	634-2220
Principal's Office	634-2217
Guidance Office	634-2221
Pupil Personnel Services.....	634-2240

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Town of Hopedale, Massachusetts

Elected Officials

2008-2009

Term Expires

Blackstone Valley School Committee	Paul Yanovitch	2010
Clerk	Janet Orff Jacaruso	2010
Board of Health	Peter B. Mitchell	2009
	Edward A. Holland, Sr.	2010
	Robert Moro	2011
Housing Authority	Edith Francis	State Appointee
	Paula Malloy	2009
	Karen Villani	2010
	Louis J. Trevani	2011
	Nancilee Fuller	2012
Library Trustee	Katherine M. Wright	2009
	Frederick G. Oldfield, III	2010
	Nancy Verdolino	2011
Moderator	Francis J. Larkin	2009
Park Commission	Richard Breese	2009
	Richard P. Espanet	2010
	Susan Kinkaid	2011
Planning Board	Carol Whyte	2009
	Howard Maurer	2010
	Catherine Pisacane	2011
	Louis Costanza	2012
	Donna Hayres	2013
Road Commission	Eli J. Potty	2009
	Joseph C. Sweet	2010
	John Farrar, Jr.	2011
School Committee	Elizabeth S. Lerner	2009
	Lori L. Hampsch	2009
	Richard W. Martin	2010
	Justine A. Tonelli	2010
	Susan Palmer-Howes	2011
Selectman	Michael E. Collins	2009
	Alan J. Ryan	2010
	Robert P. Burns	2011
Tree Warden	Leo Lyons	2011
	Aldo P. Tarca	2009
Water & Sewer	Robert H. Bird	2010
Commission	James M. Morin	2011

ADA Coordinator	Eugene Phillips	2008
Animal Inspector	Michael Izzo	2008
Asst. Animal Inspector	Lenny Izzo	2008
Bancroft Memorial Library Director	Merrily Sparling	Contract
Board of Assessors	Lisa Alberto*	2009
	Donald Howes	2010
	Edward Holland, Jr.	2011
Assessor, Principal	Teresa Gonsalves	Employee
Board of Registrars	Robert Hammond	2008
	vacant	2009
	Joseph Drugan*	2010
Board of Registrars, Clerk	Janet Orff Jacaruso	2010
Building Commissioner & Zoning Enforcement Officer	Michael Tusino	2008
Asst. Building Comm. & Zoning Enforcement Officer	Michael Giampietro	2008
Capital Program Committee	Jim Carroll	2009
	Colleen Strapponi	2009
	John Larkin	2010
	vacant	2011
	vacant	2011
Cemetery Committee	Roberta Simmons	2008
	vacant	2009
	vacant	2010
Cent. Mass. Reg. Planning	Howard Maurer	2008
Commission on Disabilities	Peter S. Ellis, Jr. Margaret Flynn	
Conservation Commission	Amy J. Burns	2010
	Meg McElroy*	2009
	Matt Correa	2008
	Brian Gallagher	2008
	vacant	
Constables	Joseph Conlon	2011
	John Gagnon	2011
	Donald Martin	2011
	Francis McVeigh	2011
		2011
Council on Aging	Virginia Potty	2008

	Barbara Delphos	2008
	Julia Manning	2008
	Claudette Hughes	2009
	Cheryl Moreci	2009
	Claire McCall	2009
	Nancilee Fuller	2010
	Edward Holland	2010
	Patricia Johnson	2010
Council on Aging Director	Carole Mullen	Employee
Cultural Council	Joanne Andreotti	2008
	Ellen Murphy	2009
	Kate Nolan-Pisacane	2009
	Virginia Larkin	2010
	Ann Marie Lockwood	2010
	Dorothy Susanska	2010
	Ann Labrode	2010
	Sally Decelles	2010
	Billi Manning*	2010
Dog Officer	Michael Izzo	2008
Finance Committee	James Carroll	2008
	Donald Comastra	2008
	Colleen Strapponi	2008
	Robert Burns	2009
	Karla Hopkins*	2010
Fire Chief, Local Emergency Mgt & Right to Know Officer	Scott Garland	2008
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	John Fontana	2008
Asst. Gas & Plumbing Insp.	Joseph Zacchilli	2008
Health Agent	Lenny Izzo	Employee
Highway Superintendent	Robert DePonte	Employee
Historical Commission	Daniel L. Malloy	2010
	Frederick Oldfield III	2010
	Merrily Sparling*	2010
	Alan Ryan	2009
	Theresa Ryan	2008
	Elaine Malloy	2008
Housing Authority Director	Katherine Consigli	Contract
Parking Fines Clerk	Donna Lamphere	2008
Police Chief	Eugene P. Costanza	Contract
Red Shop Committee	Robert Brown	2008

	William Gannett	2009
	Merrily Sparling	2010
School Superintendent	Dr. Patricia Ruane	Contract
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Barbara J. Walls	2008
Town Accountant	Linda Catanzariti	2008
Town Coordinator	Eugene Phillips	Contract
Town Counsel	Kopelman & Paige	2008
Veterans Agent	Anthony Mastroianni	2008
Water & Wastewater Manager	Timothy J. Watson	Employee
Wiring Inspector	Joseph Scanzaroli	2008
Assistant Wiring Inspector	Stephen Wood	2008
Zoning Board of Appeals	Kenneth Piercesaw	2008
	Mary Arcudi	2008
	Steven Gallagher*	2009
	Sandra Slattery-Biagetti	2009
	Timothy Alger	2010
Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate John Dubois		2008
Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate Nicholas Alexander, Sr.		2009

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

SS. Worcester

To any of the Constables of the Town of Hopedale,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:

13 Dutcher Street, Hopedale, Massachusetts

on **TUESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Presidential Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE. FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
STATE COMMITTEE MAN. WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN. WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT
TOWN COMMITTEE. TOWN OF HOPEDALE

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 7 day of January, 2008.

Louis Arcudi, Chair

Alan J. Ryan

Alan J. Ryan

Michael Collins

Michael Collins

Selectmen of Hopedale

To be posted in the lobbies of the Town Hall, Police Station & Post Office.

John J. #39 January 15, 2008.

Constable

A true copy, attest:

Janet Orff Jacafuso

Janet Orff Jacafuso, Clerk

Presidential Primary Election
February 5, 2008

Presidential Preference (Democrat)

John R. Edwards	28
Hillary Clinton	713
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	2
Christopher J. Dodd	1
Mike Gravel	1
Barack Obama	464
Dennis J. Kucinich	3
Bill Richardson	1
No Preference	8
Blanks	2
Write-ins	0

Presidential Preference (Republican)

John McCain	264
Fred Thompson	0
Tom Tancredo	0
Duncan Hunter	0
Mike Huckabee	26
Mitt Romney	368
Ron Paul	14
Rudy Giuliani	2
No Preference	3
Blanks	0
Write-ins	0

Presidential Preference (Green-Rainbow)

Jared Ball	0
Ralph Nader	0
Elaine Brown	0
Kat Swift	0
Cynthia McKinney	1
Kent Mesplay	0
No Preference	0
Blanks	0
Write-ins	0

State Committee Man (Democrat)

Thomas J. Cullen, Sr.	866
Blanks	357
Write-ins	0

State Committee Man (Republican)

Michael Richard Potaski	8
Blanks	669
Write-ins	0

State Committee Man (Green-Rainbow)

No Nomination

State Committee Woman (Democrat)

Irene T. Kokocinski	824
Blanks	399
Write-ins	0

State Committee Woman (Repub.)

No Nomination

State Committee Woman (Green-Rainbow)

No nomination

Working Families Party

No nominations for any office.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

LOCAL ELECTION WARRANT

SS. Worcester

To any of the Constables of the Town of Hopedale,

Greetings:

In the name of the Town of Hopedale, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in the Local Election to vote at:

George A. Draper Gymnasium
13 Dutcher Street

on TUESDAY, THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF MAY, 2008, from 7:00AM to 8:00PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Local Election for the candidates for the following offices:

BOARD OF HEALTH.....	3 YEARS
HOUSING AUTHORITY	5 YEARS
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YEARS
PARK COMMISSION	3 YEARS
PLANNING BOARD	5 YEARS
ROAD COMMISSION.....	3 YEARS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 YEARS
SELECTMAN	3 YEARS
TREE WARDEN.....	3 YEARS
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION	3 YEARS

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of April 2008.

_____, Louis J. Arcudi III, Chairman

_____, Michael E. Collins, Selectman

_____, Alan J. Ryan, Selectman

This notice shall be posted as required by Town bylaws in three places in the Town of Hopedale: Town Hall, Police Station Lobby and Post Office Lobby.

Return of Service: _____ April , 2008
Constable

A true copy, attest: _____
Town Clerk

**Annual Town Election
May 13, 2008**

Board of Health (3 Years)

*Robert M. Moro	155
Blanks	33
Write-ins	1

Library Trustee (3 Years)

*Nancy K. Verdolino	144
Leo F. Lyons	33
Blanks	12
Write-ins	0

Park Commissioner (3 Years)

*Susan L. Kincaid	144
Blanks	40
Write-ins	5

Planning Board (5 Years)

*Donna M. Hayres	133
Blanks	54
Write-ins	2

Road Commissioner (3 Years)

*John E. Farrar, Jr.	157
Blanks	30
Write-ins	2

Selectman (3 Years)

*Robert P. Burns	145
Blanks	34
Write-ins	10

School Committee (3 Years)

*Susan Palmer-Howes	145
Blanks	42
Write-ins	2

Tree Warden (3 Years)

*Leo F. Lyons	139
Blanks	47
Write-ins	3

Water & Sewer

Commissioner (3 Years)

*James M. Morin	153
Blanks	34
Write-ins	2

Housing Authority (5 Years)

*Nancilee Fuller	157
Blanks	31
Write-ins	1

***Indicates winner**

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT NOVEMBER 6, 2007
In the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay a prior year bill (pre7/1/07), or take any other action related thereto:

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
One Communications	\$406.74	Coordinator, Telephone	\$406.74

Submitted by: Selectmen

Commentary: The above listed bill was incurred prior to July 1, 2007. Since the FY07 accounts have been closed out it is necessary to pay them from currently available funds. A 90% majority will be required for approval.

Article 2: To see if the town will vote to amend the FY08 budget voted pursuant to Article 10 of the May 15, 2007 annual town meeting which concluded on June 19, 2007, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Town Accountant

Commentary: Article 10 of the May 15th meeting asked town meeting to approve \$64,461 as the amount required to fund the Cable Advisory Committee and related expenses. The same amount was also budgeted by the Finance Committee under and included in the bottom line budget.

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$14,050.00 for the purpose of supplementing the Public Safety Dispatch FY08 Salaries and Wages, voted at the Annual Town Meeting of May 2007, for the purposes of ratifying a contract commencing July 1, 2007, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

Commentary: This article provides additional departmental funding related to a ratified contract for Local 116A Hopedale Public Safety Dispatch salary adjustments agreed to after the June 19th conclusion of the annual town meeting.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Mass. G.L. c. 40, §4A to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Mendon, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate, to provide for the Mendon Fire Department to maintain EMT coverage to respond to calls in Hopedale until the reopening of the Mill Street Bridge and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$15,000 therefor, or take any other action related thereto:

Submitted by: Selectmen

Commentary: With the rebuilding of the Mill Street Bridge, traffic to the western end of Mill Street has been detoured through Mendon. This authorization will subsidize the Mendon Fire Department to allow their Call Firemen to maintain coverage of their ambulance and service the western end of Mill Street.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$16,950 as its share of a state matching grant to repair and replace the stairs and handicapped ramp in front of the police station, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Police Department

Commentary: The handicapped ramp along with the main entrance staircase to the Police Station is in very poor condition. A grant requesting 50% funding from the state has recently been approved. These matching funds are required to move the project along.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Hopedale, Part II Regulatory Legislation, Chapter 270, Licenses and Permits, by adding the following new Article II to said Chapter 270, establishing a new fee for an automatic amusement device license and for public amusements in establishments that serve food or alcohol:

Article II, Automatic Amusement Devices: Public Amusements

§ 270-4. License fee for automatic amusement device.

The annual fee for a license to keep and operate an automatic amusement device, as defined by and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 140, § 177A, shall be one hundred dollars.

§ 270-5. License fee for public amusement.

The annual fee for a license, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 140, § 183A, to own, manage, or control any concert, dance, exhibition, cabaret or public show of any description to be conducted on premises licensed as an inn, common victualler, tavern, club, restaurant or other establishment required to be licensed under M.G.L. c. 138, § 12 or M.G.L. c. 140, §§ 2, 21A or 21E shall be one hundred dollars.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

Commentary: The town currently has limited provisions for setting the license fees for operation of video games or public amusement facilities as required under M.G.L. c. 140, § 177A or for the operation of a facility which regularly conducts concerts, dance, exhibition for the operation of video games and or the conduction

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum of \$1,700,000 to fund upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant which are required as a result of the Administrative

Consent Order number ACOP-CE-05-1N008, issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, on July 21, 2005, to the Hopedale Wastewater Treatment Plant, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or note of the Town therefore and that the Treasurer or any other official of the Town is authorized to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement thereunder and a project regulatory agreement to expend any such funds.

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners

Commentary: Under the Administrative Consent Order of a year ago, high ammonia releases and unacceptable levels of copper releases were cited. With a pilot study ordered by the Environmental Protection Agency now complete the upgrading of the plant must now begin.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,000 for the municipal share of the Planning & Design Grant that has been awarded to the Bancroft Memorial Library by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Submitted by the Trustees of the Bancroft Memorial Library

Commentary:

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Rockridge Road as a public way as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: "HARMONY LAYOUT PLAN OF ROCKRIDGE ROAD IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SHEETS 1 AND 2, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: MARCH 26, 2007 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508)473-6630 Fax: (508)473-8243", which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement to use said Rockridge Road for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, and other associated easements, or take any other action related thereto

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Harmony Trail as a public way as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: "HARMONY LAYOUT PLAN OF HARMONY TRAIL IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SHEETS 1, 2 AND 3, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: MARCH 26, 2007 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508)473-6630 Fax: (508)473-8243", which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement to use said Harmony Trail for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, and other associated easements, or take any other action related thereto

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Country Club Lane as a public way as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: "HARMONY LAYOUT PLAN OF COUNTRY CLUB LANE IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: MARCH 26, 2007 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508)473-6630 Fax: (508)473-8243", which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement to use said Country Club Lane for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, and other associated easements, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Gannett Way as a public way as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: "HARMONY LAYOUT PLAN OF GANNETT WAY IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SHEETS 1 AND 2, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: MARCH 26, 2007 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508)473-6630 Fax: (508)473-8243", which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement to use said Gannett Way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, and other associated easements, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Heron Lane as a public way as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: "HARMONY LAYOUT PLAN OF HERON LANE IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SHEETS 1 AND 2, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: MARCH 26, 2007 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508)473-6630 Fax: (508)473-8243, which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement to use said Heron Lane for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, and other associated easements, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Forest Path as a public way as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: "HARMONY LAYOUT PLAN OF FOREST PATH IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: MARCH 26, 2007 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508)473-6630 Fax: (508)473-8243", which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; as referred to the

Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement to use said Forest Path for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, and other associated easements, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Larkin Lane as a public way as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: "HARMONY LAYOUT PLAN OF LARKIN LANE IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SHEETS 1, 2 AND 3, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: MARCH 26, 2007 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508)473-6630 Fax: (508)473-8243", which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement to use said Larkin Lane for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, and other associated easements, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Haven Way as a public way as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: "HARMONY LAYOUT PLAN OF HAVEN WAY IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SHEETS 1 AND 2, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: MARCH 26, 2007 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508)473-6630 Fax: (508)473-8243", which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement to use said Haven Way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, and other associated easements, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Liberty Circle as a public way as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: "HARMONY LAYOUT PLAN OF LIBERTY CIRCLE IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: MARCH 26, 2007 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508)473-6630 Fax: (508)473-8243", which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement to use said Liberty Circle for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, and other associated easements, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the fee ownership interest in and accept a deed for three parcels of land shown as Parcel A. Lot 29 and Lot 92

on plan entitled "Greene-Mill Estates" dated January 3, 1996 and most recently revised May 29, 1997, prepared by Guerriere and Halnon and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 725, Plan 65 for park, playground and recreational purposes. or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: This article will authorize the town to take possession of the above referenced parcels of land.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$18,345 for the acquisition of a van to be used by the Dog Officer, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

Commentary: The Dog Officers previous vehicle is no longer road worthy. Currently the Dog Officer is using his personal vehicle to deal with injured or dead animals.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$19,000 for the acquisition of an Electronic Fire Alarm Receiver and Transmitter (Digitizer), or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: The Digitizer receives alarms from Master Fire Alarm systems within town and is located in the Dispatch Center at the Police Station. It is currently in poor condition and is no longer providing accurate information all of the time.

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the three public places in different parts of the Town not less than fourteen days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this ^{22nd} ~~20th~~ day of ^{October} ~~November~~ 2007. *EP 10/23/07 JJ*

HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael E. Collins
Michael E. Collins

Louis J. Arcudi III
Louis J. Arcudi III
Chairman

Alan J. Ryan
Alan J. Ryan

A True Copy, ATTEST: *James J. Jacaruso*
Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Post Office Lobby.

John J. Ryan #39
Constable

10/23/07
Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 6, 2007

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the auditorium of the Jr. – Sr. High School at 7:00PM. At 7:08PM Moderator Francis J. Larkin declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. The Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated October 22, 2007; said warrant being posted according to Town by-laws by Constable John Gagnon.

Moderator Larkin led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made to extend Privileges of the Floor to Town Treasurer Barbara Walls, Health Agent Lenny Izzo and Jack O'Connell of Tata & Howard. At 7:10 the motion was seconded and passed.

Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried.

Draper Complex Re-use Committee Chair Michael Ruane updated residents on his committee's work and informed townspeople that their plan & report will be available on-line via the committee's link on the town website.

Article 1: Selectman Lou Arcudi moved to transfer as follows a sum of money to pay the following prior year bill (pre 7/1/07).

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
One Communications	\$406.74	Coordinator, Telephone	\$406.74

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously at 7:15PM.

Article 2: Town Accountant Linda Catanzariti moved to amend the FY08 budget voted pursuant to Article 10 of the May 15, 2007 annual town meeting which concluded on June 19, 2007 by removing the amount of \$64,461 from the Cable TV Committee and reduce the total budget from \$18,160,144 to \$18,095,683.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 3: Lou Arcudi moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,050.00 for the purpose of supplementing the Public Safety Dispatch FY08 Salaries and Wages, voted at the Annual Town Meeting of May 2007, for the purposes of ratifying a contract commencing July 1, 2007.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 4: Lou Arcudi moved pursuant to Mass. G.L. c. 40, §4A to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Mendon, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate, to provide for the Mendon Fire Department to maintain EMT coverage to respond to calls in Hopedale until the reopening of the Mill Street Bridge and to raise and appropriate \$15,000 therefore.

The motion was seconded and carried at 7:18PM.

Article 5: Lou Arcudi moved to pass over this article.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 6: Selectman Michael Collins moved to amend the Code of the Town of Hopedale, Part II Regulatory Legislation, Chapter 270, Licenses and Permits, by adding the following new Article II to said Chapter 270, establishing a new fee for an automatic amusement device license and for public amusements in establishments that serve food or alcohol:

Article II, Automatic Amusement Devices: Public Amusements

§ 270-4. License fee for automatic amusement device.

The annual fee for a license to keep and operate an automatic amusement device, as defined by and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 140, § 177A, shall be one hundred dollars.

§ 270-5. License fee for public amusement.

The annual fee for a license, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 140, § 183A, to own, manage, or control any concert, dance, exhibition, cabaret or public show of any description to be conducted on premises licensed as an inn, common victualler, tavern, club, restaurant or other establishment required to be licensed under M.G.L. c. 138, § 12 or M.G.L. c. 140, §§ 2,21A or 21E shall be one hundred dollars.

The motion was seconded and carried

Article 7: Water & Sewer Commissioner James Morin moved the sum of \$1,700,000 be and hereby is appropriated to pay costs of upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant which are required as a result of the Administrative Consent Order number ACOP-CE-05-1N008, issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, on July 21, 2005, to the Hopedale Wastewater Treatment Plant, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor and that the Treasurer or any other official of the Town is authorized to enter into loan agreements and/or security agreements thereunder and project regulatory agreements to expend any such funds.

The motion was seconded and carried at 7:37PM.

Article 8: Library Trustee Frederick Oldfield moved to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$20,000 for the municipal share of the Planning & Design Grant that has been awarded to the Bancroft Memorial Library by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

The motion was seconded. A standing count was taken. The motion did not carry as the counted vote was No: 38, Yes: 32.

A motion to take Article 18 out of order was made, seconded and carried.

Article 18: Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the fee ownership interest in and accept a deed for four parcels of land shown as Parcel A, Lot 29, Lot 36 and Lot 92 on plan entitled "Greene-Mill Estates" dated January 3, 1996 and most recently revised May 29, 1997, prepared by Guerriere and Halnon and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 725, Plan 65 for park, playground and recreational purposes.

The motion was seconded. Much discussion followed regarding the uncertainty of possible contamination of the land. Mr. Phillips assured the voters that a Phase I site assessment would be conducted and that the Town is under no obligation to take the deeds to the land. "We would only take that parcel (Parcel A) if the land is clean," stated Mr. Phillips. MGL 21E was clarified as a 5 phase process to determine site cleanliness/contamination through clean-up if necessary. A suggestion to add the phrase "or any other Town needs to be voted at a future Town Meeting" was rejected by the Moderator on advice of Town Counsel. Planning Board Member Carol Whyte voiced her concern regarding reference to an outdated map. At 8:52PM the body voted in the affirmative.

Article 9: Selectman Alan Ryan moved to accept the layout of Rockridge Road as a public way as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: "HARMONY LAYOUT PLAN OF ROCKRIDGE ROAD IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SHEETS 1 AND 2, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: MARCH 26, 2007 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508) 473-6630 Fax: (508) 473-8243", which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement to use said Rockridge Road for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, and other associated easements, or take any other action related thereto

The motion was seconded. Planning Board Member Carol Whyte offered a technical amendment: "for a length of 2,068.40 feet." The amendment was seconded and passed. The article, as amended, was voted in the affirmative at 8:55PM.

Article 10: Alan Ryan moved to accept the layout of Harmony Trail as a public way as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: "HARMONY LAYOUT PLAN OF HARMONY TRAIL IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SHEETS 1, 2 AND 3, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: MARCH 26, 2007 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508) 473-6630 Fax: (508) 473-8243", which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement to use said Harmony Trail for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, and other associated easements.

The motion was seconded. Planning Board Member Carol Whyte offered a technical amendment: "for a length of 2,963.55 feet." The amendment was seconded and passed. The article, as amended, was voted in the affirmative at 8:56PM.

Article 11: Alan Ryan moved to accept the layout of Country Club Lane as a public way as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: "HARMONY LAYOUT PLAN OF COUNTRY CLUB LANE IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: MARCH 26, 2007 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508) 473-6630 Fax: (508) 473-8243", which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement to use said Country Club Lane for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, and other associated easements.

The motion was seconded. Planning Board Member Carol Whyte offered a technical amendment: "for a length of 325.34 feet." The amendment was seconded and passed. The article, as amended, was voted in the affirmative at 8:57PM.

Article 12: Alan Ryan moved to accept the layout of Gannett Way as a public way as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: "HARMONY LAYOUT PLAN OF GANNETT WAY IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SHEETS 1 AND 2, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: MARCH 26, 2007 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508) 473-6630 Fax: (508) 473-8243", which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement to use said Gannett Way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, and other associated easements.

The motion was seconded. Planning Board Member Carol Whyte offered a technical amendment: “for a length of 2,181.31 feet.” The amendment was seconded and passed. The article, as amended, was voted in the affirmative at 8:58PM.

Article 13: Alan Ryan moved to accept the layout of Heron Lane as a public way as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: “HARMONY LAYOUT PLAN OF HERON LANE IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SHEETS 1 AND 2, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: MARCH 26, 2007 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508) 473-6630 Fax: (508) 473-8243, which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement to use said Heron Lane for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, and other associated easements.

The motion was seconded. Planning Board Member Carol Whyte offered a technical amendment: “for a length of 2,169.87 feet.” The amendment was seconded and passed. The article, as amended, was voted in the affirmative at 8:59PM.

Article 14: Alan Ryan moved to accept the layout of Forest Path as a public way as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: “HARMONY LAYOUT PLAN OF FOREST PATH IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: MARCH 26, 2007 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508) 473-6630 Fax: (508) 473-8243”, which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement to use said Forest Path for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, and other associated easements.

The motion was seconded. Planning Board Member Carol Whyte offered a technical amendment: “for a length of 1,000 feet.” The amendment was seconded and passed. The article, as amended, was voted in the affirmative at 8:59PM.

Article 15: Alan Ryan moved to accept the layout of Larkin Lane as a public way as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: “HARMONY LAYOUT PLAN OF LARKIN LANE IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SHEETS 1, 2 AND 3, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: MARCH 26, 2007 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508) 473-6630 Fax: (508) 473-

8243”, which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement to use said Larkin Lane for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, and other associated easements.

The motion was seconded. Planning Board Member Carol Whyte offered a technical amendment: “for a length of 3,539.98 feet.” The amendment was seconded and passed. The article, as amended, was voted in the affirmative at 9:00PM.

Article 16: Alan Ryan moved to accept the layout of Haven Way as a public way as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: “HARMONY LAYOUT PLAN OF HAVEN WAY IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SHEETS 1 AND 2, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: MARCH 26, 2007 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508) 473-6630 Fax: (508) 473-8243”, which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement to use said Haven Way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale.

The motion was seconded. Planning Board Member Carol Whyte offered a technical amendment: “for a length of 1,668.22 feet.” The amendment was seconded and passed. The article, as amended, was voted in the affirmative at 9:00PM.

Article 17: Alan Ryan moved to accept the layout of Liberty Circle as a public way as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: “HARMONY LAYOUT PLAN OF LIBERTY CIRCLE IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: MARCH 26, 2007 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508) 473-6630 Fax: (508) 473-8243”, which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement to use said Liberty Circle for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, and other associated easements.

The motion was seconded. Planning Board Member Carol Whyte offered a technical amendment: “for a length of 543.94 feet.” The amendment was seconded and passed. The article, as amended, was voted in the affirmative at 9:01PM

Article 19: Gene Phillips moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,345 for the acquisition of a van to be used by the Dog Officer.

The motion was seconded. Finance Committee Member Jim Carroll informed the voters of the Finance Committee's opposition to this expenditure and suggested that a used vehicle be purchased with funds from the revolving fund. Said fund balance is \$12,200.

The article was defeated as declared by the Moderator at 9:04PM.

Article 20: Gene Phillips moved to pass over this article.

The motion was seconded and passed at 9:04PM.

A motion to dissolve the warrant was made, seconded and passed at 9:05PM.

A true copy, attest:

Janet Orff Jacaruso
Town Clerk

TOWN OF HOPEDALE – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Tuesday, May 20th, 2008 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, May 20th, 2008, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and other offices, departments, or committees of said town, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, §108 to fix the annual salary and compensation for each elected Town officer and further to see if the Town will vote to fix the annual compensation for special appointed officials for his/her service in fiscal year 2009, or take any other action related thereto.

Town Moderator (1)	\$ 200
Board of Selectmen (3)	\$ 6,500
Town Clerk (1)*	\$32,905
Road Commissioners (3)	\$ 2,200
Board of Health (3)	\$ 1,850
Park Commissioners (3)	\$ 1,600
Water/Sewer Commissioners (3)	\$ 2,200
Tree Warden (1)	\$ 1,000
Planning Board (5)	\$ 3,700
Board of Assessors (3)	\$ 1,850
Board of Registrars (3) appt.	\$ 1,600
Clerk to Registrars (1)	\$ 500
Zoning Board of Appeals (5) appt.	\$ 2,600
Finance Committee (9) appt.	\$ 4,600
School Committee (5)	\$ 5,500
Conservation Committee (5)	\$ 2,600
Library Trustees (3)	\$ 1,600

*Town Clerk is paid weekly; all others twice per year

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through assessments provided under M.G.L. c. 83, §16, and to be collected under M.G.L. c. 44, §53E bond issue payments of \$70,525.00 for the Sewer Department, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of monies into and/or out of the Stabilization Fund as provided under M.G.L. c. 40, §5B, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

Commentary: This Article will require a 2/3rd's majority vote.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a hazardous waste collection day and recycling program to include composting and yard waste and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Board of Health to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the fiscal year 2009; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the animal control division of the Hopedale Board of Health, which fund will be credited with receipts for the boarding of stray animals, fines for violations, and the licensing of animals, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the fiscal year 2009; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40 certain sums as received in filing fees from prior fiscal years, for the fiscal year 2009, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to the sum of \$122,876.00 in anticipation of Chapter 90 State reimbursement funds for the purpose of providing road paving/improvement projects, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

Commentary: Article will require a 2/3rd's majority vote unless the Transportation Bond bill has been approved by the Governor prior to the Town Meeting.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw, to adjust the percentage applicable to the compensation plan, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Personnel Committee

Commentary: This article will adjust the salary grade levels for all non union employees employed outside the school system.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available Treasury funds, such sums of money as deemed necessary to defray Town charges for fiscal Year 2009 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Water Department Budget by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

Commentary: We anticipate the numbers to be as follows: Salaries - \$188,535.00, Expenses - \$583,492.00 and Long Term Debt - \$147,335.00

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Sewer Department Budget by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

Commentary: We anticipate the numbers to be as follows: Salaries - \$241,927, Expenses - \$436,521 and Sewer Bans - \$68,375

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Ambulance Department Budget by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: We anticipate the numbers to be as follows: Salaries - \$102,708, Expenses - \$46,851

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the Town's annual assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: The anticipated amount is \$1,389

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of money for the Town's net operating and capital assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional High School, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District

Commentary: The anticipated amount is \$147,870 which is inclusive of \$14,361 for the debt service associated with Hopedale's previously (2001) voted amount for the districts addition/renovation project

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding and operating the Hopedale Cable Advisory Board and other related costs, which fund shall be credited solely with receipts from Comcast pursuant to Sections 5.2(a) and 5.2(b) of the renewal license dated January 9, 1999 to be expended under the authority of the Hopedale Cable Advisory Committee, such expenditures not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the fiscal year 2009; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Cable advisory Committee

Article 17: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to M.G. L. Ch. 59 §5, Clause 41C, as authorized under Section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002 of the General Court, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, currently \$4,784.00 in valuation or \$600.00, whichever is greater, to \$4,946.66 in valuation or \$620.40, whichever is greater, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Assessors

Article 18: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to the amount of the tax exemptions granted to surviving spouse, minor child or elderly person owning real property pursuant to M.G. L. Ch. 59 §5, Clause 17D, by 100 percent of the Cost of Living adjustment determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, beginning in the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2008, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Assessors

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote transfer from Stabilization \$62,500.00 to fund the fourth year of a six-year mortgage with Louis J. Noferi as authorized by Article 20 of the April 12, 2005 Annual Town Meeting and as amended by Article 20 of the May 16, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L C40 §22F which will allow any municipal board or officer empowered to issue a license, permit, certificate, or to render a service or perform work for a person or class of persons, from time to time, to fix reasonable fees for all such licenses, permits, or certificates issued pursuant to statutes or regulations wherein the entire proceeds of the fee remain with the town, and to fix reasonable charges to be paid for any services rendered or work performed by the town or any department thereof, subject, however, to the approval of the elected appointing authority of any such board or officer, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land from the Treasurer to the Conservation Commission for conservation and passive recreation purposes, such parcel being located at 507 Greene Street, consisting of approximately 362,642 square feet, and identified on the records of the Board of Assessors as Map 13, Lot 51 and further described in Instrument of Tax Taking dated February 28, 1989 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 11987, Page 219, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a School Bus Transportation Account and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the School Department's Transportation Fee, to be expended under the authority of the School Committee, such expenditures not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the fiscal year 2009; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted: School Committee

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, for general municipal purposes, including the purpose of reconstructing the Mill Street Bridge and associated Spindleville Pond Spillway, the fee and drainage easements and/or temporary construction easements in portions of the following parcels of land: (a) land now or formerly owned by M.C. Machine Company, and described in deeds recorded with said Deeds in Book 15928, Page 167 and in Book 15928, Page 164; and (b) land owned by owners unknown, located on Mill Street and as may abut the river, and, further to see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for this purpose and any expenses related thereto and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: This Article will require a 2/3rd's majority vote.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for architectural and start up costs for the purpose of upgrading the Town Hall to become compliant with Federal Law under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), or take any other action related thereto:

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

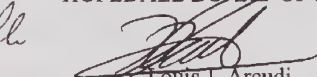
Commentary: The current Town Hall is in need of major renovations. Currently air quality is poor, heating bills are skyrocketing because of an antiquated heating system, lack of insulation and windows that are original to the building dating back to 1888. The second and third floors are inaccessible to the public as they are not handicap accessible. This article will fund Architectural drawings sufficient to allow the town to seek a Community Development Block Grant that could fund the cost of an elevator as part of the renovation cost.

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the three public places in different parts of the Town not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 6th day of May 2008.

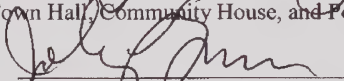
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A True Copy, ATTEST: 
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Constable


Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT MAY 20th FY2008
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.
Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, May 20th, 2008, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay a prior year bill (pre-7/1/07), or take any other action related thereto:

To Account	Amount	From Account	Amount
Guerriere & Halnon, Inc.	\$3,100.00	School Department	\$3,100.00
Call Firefighters Stipends	\$1,515.00	Firefighters Stipends	\$1,515.00
National Grid	\$ 10.11	Red Shop Electric	\$ 10.11
EnTact Environmental	\$1,400.00	Environmental Cleanup	\$1,400.00

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: The above listed bills were incurred during the previous fiscal year while the actual billing was received after July 1, 2007, the start of the new fiscal year. Since the account for the prior fiscal year has been closed out, it is necessary to pay the amounts, if approved, from currently available funds. A 90% majority will be required for approval.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer sums of money from certain accounts to others to adjust the fiscal year 2008 operating budget, or take any other action related thereto:

To Account	Amount	From Account	Amount
Police Overtime	\$20,000	Coordinator – Environmental Cleanup	\$20,000
Town Hall Fuel	\$13,000	Dispatch Salaries	\$13,000

Submitted by: Finance Committee

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Retained Earnings, the sum of \$128,000.00 to cover additional costs within fiscal year 2008 for purchased water, electrical cost, Greene Street well repairs and bond costs, or take any other action related thereto:

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners

Commentary: This funding is required to supplement the Water Departments Fiscal '08 budget. The severe drought of the latter half of 2007 required the Town to purchase water at much increased costs from the Milford Water Company, as well as additional power needs and the repair of two wells at the Greene Street Well Site.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Retained Earnings, the sum of \$45,000.00 to cover additional costs for fiscal year '08 for sludge hauling costs and bonding, or take any other action related thereto:

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners

Commentary: Increased fuel charges and additional loads removed from the waste water plant to obtain DEP & EPA compliance have raised the cost of this service by 23%

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds such sums as may be required for various purposes, or take any other related action thereto.

Submitted by: Capital Planning Committee

Commentary: It is anticipated this article will transfer from Free Cash various sums for capital items. Free Cash has been traditionally used to fund capital items of a non recurring nature. The following items are being suggested for funding:

• Fire Dept. Digitizer	\$19,000
• Fire Dept. Defibrillator	\$ 3,400
• Fire Dept. Hose Drying Tower	\$10,000
• School Bus Lease	\$33,565
• School Storage Shed	\$10,000
• Library Storage Shed	\$ 8,500
• Library Leaded Windows	\$17,400
• Library Program Room	\$25,000
• Police Cruiser	\$27,000
• Police Server	\$ 7,174
• Highway Truck	\$38,000
• Highway Men's Room	\$15,000
• Parks Stone Wall	\$10,000

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Stabilization, a sum of monies to offset any year end deficit in the Health Insurance Trust Fund, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

Commentary: The Town of Hopedale began a self-funded insurance program last fiscal year for Blue Cross/Blue Shield. This article will cover any potential deficit. If there is no deficit this article will be passed over. This article will require a 2/3's majority vote.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote transfer from Stabilization \$89,500.00 to partially fund the Eminent Domain taking of a portion of the Grafton & Upton Railroad as authorized by Article 31 of the May 16, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action related thereto.


Submitted by: Selectmen

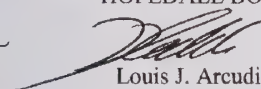
Commentary: Special Legislation was approved and signed by the governor's office in January authorizing the Town Of Hopedale to take a small piece of land for Highway Department use. This article will require a 2/3's majority vote.

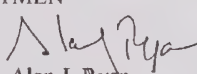
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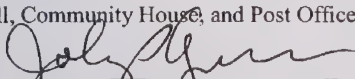

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TOWN OF HOPEDALE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING &
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 20, 2008
MINUTES

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the auditorium of the Jr. – Sr. High School at 7:00PM. At 7:05PM Town Clerk Janet Orff Jacaruso declared a quorum (50) present and convened the Annual Town Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated May 6, 2008. The Special Town Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated May 6, 2008. Both warrants were posted according to Town by-laws by sworn Constables.

Miss Jacaruso called upon Selectman Chair Michael Collins and Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips. Mr. Collins and Mr. Phillips unveiled the Hopedale Town Flag and presented flags to various Town departments. The Hopedale flag will also be hung in the Hall of Flags at the Statehouse. The Hopedale Foundation was recognized and thanked for the funding necessary to fabricate the flags. Miss Jacaruso then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Francis Larkin was unable to attend the meeting. In order to elect a temporary moderator, Miss Jacaruso called for nominations. Robert Moro of 4 Western Avenue was nominated. The nomination was seconded. No other nominations were put forth. Mr. Moro was elected unanimously and sworn-in.

Moderator Moro heard a motion from Eugene Phillips that any motion to outlay funds identify an area of the budget from where that same amount of money would be removed, and that both transfers of cash occur in order to have the motion or amendment pass. The motion was seconded. Brief discussion ensued. The motion was made due to the fact that the levy limit has been met and additional funds would require an override. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

A motion to extend privileges of the floor to specific non-residents was made and seconded. The non-residents included Town Counsel Joyce Frank, Police Chief Eugene Costanza, Fire Chief Scott Garland, Town Collector/Treasurer Barbara Walls, Hopedale Police Lieutenant Mark Giovannella, and Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Director Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick. The motion was carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator.

Eugene Phillips moved to recess the Annual Town Meeting, to be reopened at the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting, and to open the Special Town Meeting. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator at 7:25PM.

Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Article 1: Selectman Collins moved to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay a prior year bill (pre-7/1/07) as follows:

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>
Guerriere & Halnon, Inc.	\$3,100.00	School Department
Call Firefighters Stipends	\$1,515.00	Firefighters Stipends
National Grid	\$ 10.11	Red Shop Electric
EnTact Environmental	\$1,400.00	Environmental Cleanup

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 7:29PM.

Article 2: Finance Committee Chair Karla Hopkins moved to transfer the following sums of money from certain accounts to others to adjust the fiscal year 2008 operating budget as follows:

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>
Police Salaries	\$20,000	Coordinator – Environmental Cleanup
Town Hall Fuel	\$13,000	Dispatch Salaries
Police Salaries	\$12,270	FY2007 Certified Free Cash
Ladder Truck Interest	\$22,000	FY2007 Certified Free Cash
Highway Truck	\$38,000	Highway Dump Bodies

The motion was seconded and passed at 7:30PM.

Article 3: Jim Morin, Chair, moved to transfer from Water Retained Earnings, the sum of \$128,000.00 to cover additional costs within fiscal year 2008 for purchased water, electrical cost, Greene Street well repairs and bond costs.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 7:32PM.

Article 4: Jim Morin, Chair, moved to transfer from Sewer Retained Earnings, the sum of \$45,000.00 to cover additional costs for fiscal year '08 for sludge hauling costs and bonding.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 7:33PM.

Article 5: Jim Carroll moved to transfer from FY2007 certified Free Cash the amount of \$242,039 to be expended for the following projects:

• Fire Dept. Digitizer	\$19,000
• Fire Dept. Defibrillator	\$ 3,400
• Fire Dept. Hose Drying Tower	\$10,000
• School Bus Lease	\$33,565
• School Technology	\$30,000
• Library Storage Shed	\$ 8,500
• Library Leaded Windows	\$17,400

• Library Program Room	\$25,000
• Police Cruiser	\$27,000
• Police Server	\$ 7,174
• Highway Truck	\$36,000
• Highway Men's Room	\$15,000
• Parks Stone Wall	\$10,000

The motion was seconded and passed at 7:34PM.

Article 6: Gene Phillips moved to pass over this article.

The motion was seconded and passed at 7:36PM.

Article 7: Gene Phillips moved to transfer from Stabilization \$89,500.00 to partially fund the Eminent Domain taking of a portion of the Grafton & Upton Railroad as authorized by Article 31 of the May 16, 2006 Annual Town Meeting.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 7:38PM.

A motion was made to dissolve the Special Town Meeting Warrant and reconvene the Annual Town Meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously as declared by Moderator Moro at 7:39PM.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Gene Phillips moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and passed at 7:39PM

Article 1: Selectman Chair Michael Collins moved to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and other offices, departments, or committees of said town.

Jim Carroll & Karla Hopkins presented for the Finance Committee.
Dr. Patricia Ruane presented for the School Department.

Article 2: Selectman Alan Ryan moved, pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, §108 to fix the annual salary and compensation for each elected Town officer and to fix the annual compensation for special appointed officials for his/her service in fiscal year 2009, as follows.

Town Moderator (1)	\$ 200
Board of Selectmen (3)	\$ 6,500
Town Clerk (1)*	\$32,905
Road Commissioners (3)	\$ 2,200
Board of Health (3)	\$ 1,850
Park Commissioners (3)	\$ 1,600
Water/Sewer Commissioners (3)	\$ 2,200
Tree Warden (1)	\$ 1,000

Planning Board (5)	\$ 3,700
Board of Assessors (3)	\$ 1,850
Board of Registrars (3) appt.	\$ 1,600
Clerk to Registrars (1)	\$ 500
Zoning Board of Appeals (5) appt.	\$ 2,600
Finance Committee (9) appt.	\$ 4,600
School Committee (5)	\$ 5,500
Conservation Committee (5)	\$ 2,600
Library Trustees (3)	\$ 1,600

*Town Clerk is paid weekly; all others twice per year.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 8:14PM.

Article 3: Commissioner James Morin moved to raise and appropriate through assessments provided under M.G.L. c. 83, §16, and to be collected under M.G.L. c. 44, §53E bond issue payments of \$70,525.00 for the Sewer Department.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 8:14PM

Article 4: Finance Committee Chair Karla Hopkins moved pass over this article.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 8:16PM

Article 5: Gene Phillips moved to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a hazardous waste collection day and recycling program to include composting and yard waste and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Board of Health to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the fiscal year 2009.

The motion was seconded and passed at 8:16PM

Article 6: Gene Phillips moved to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the animal control division of the Hopedale Board of Health, which fund will be credited with receipts for the boarding of stray animals, fines for violations, and the licensing of animals, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the fiscal year 2009.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 8:17PM

Article 7: Conservation Commission Member Amy Burns moved to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40 certain sums as received in filing fees from prior fiscal years, for the fiscal year 2009.

The motion was seconded and passed at 8:18PM.

Article 8: Commissioner Joseph Sweet moved to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to the sum of \$122,876.00 in anticipation of Chapter 90 State reimbursement funds for the purpose of providing road paving/improvement projects.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 8:19PM.

Article 9: Alan Ryan moved, pursuant to Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw, Section 137-17 to adjust the salaries to be paid by an increase of 3.00% as shown on the Compensation Plan:

2009 Rate Increase = 3.00%

Grade	Hourly		Annual		Annual		% between Grades	% between Min/Max
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum		
			@40.0 Hr		@37.5 Hr			
1	\$ 10.33	\$ 12.40	\$ 21,574.55	\$ 25,889.46	\$ 20,148.64	\$ 24,178.37		20%
2	\$ 13.43	\$ 16.12	\$ 27,939.45	\$ 33,527.34	\$ 26,193.23	\$ 31,431.88	30%	20%
3	\$ 13.97	\$ 16.76	\$ 29,067.77	\$ 34,870.58	\$ 27,251.04	\$ 32,691.17	4%	20%
4	\$ 14.53	\$ 17.44	\$ 30,222.96	\$ 36,267.56	\$ 28,334.03	\$ 34,000.83	4%	20%
5	\$ 15.25	\$ 18.30	\$ 31,727.40	\$ 38,067.50	\$ 29,744.43	\$ 35,688.28	5%	20%
6	\$ 16.02	\$ 19.22	\$ 33,312.42	\$ 39,974.91	\$ 31,230.40	\$ 37,476.47	5%	20%
7	\$ 17.29	\$ 20.76	\$ 35,972.04	\$ 43,171.82	\$ 33,723.79	\$ 40,473.58	8%	20%
8	\$ 17.99	\$ 21.60	\$ 37,422.74	\$ 44,918.04	\$ 35,083.82	\$ 42,110.66	4%	20%
9	\$ 18.71	\$ 24.32	\$ 38,927.18	\$ 50,586.52	\$ 36,494.23	\$ 47,424.87	4%	30%
10	\$ 20.59	\$ 26.76	\$ 42,822.58	\$ 55,663.98	\$ 40,146.17	\$ 52,184.98	10%	30%
11	\$ 23.67	\$ 31.95	\$ 49,243.28	\$ 66,463.65	\$ 46,165.58	\$ 62,309.68	15%	35%
12	\$ 28.40	\$ 41.19	\$ 59,075.82	\$ 85,672.03	\$ 55,383.58	\$ 80,317.52	20%	45%

The motion was seconded and passed at 8:20PM.

Article 10: James Carroll moved to raise and appropriate \$18,807,798 to defray town charges for fiscal Year 2009 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report. The breakdown by department was read as detailed on the following page. Holds were placed on the following line items: Reserve Fund, School Department and Board of Health Expenses. A motion to accept those line items not placed on hold was heard, seconded and carried unanimously.

<u>100 GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	200
EXPENSE	25
TOWN MODERATOR	225
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	6,500
EXPENSE	5,500
SELECTMEN	12,000
SALARIES	122,338
EXPENSE	49,072
COORDINATOR	171,410
SALARY, APPOINTED	4,600
EXPENSE	1,225
FINANCE COMMITTEE	5,825
RESERVE FUND	100,000
SALARIES	87,245
EXPENSE	22,350
ACCOUNTANT	109,595
SALARIES, PERMANENT	91,834
SALARIES, APPOINTED	1,850
EXPENSE	32,710
ASSESSORS	126,394
SALARIES, PERMANENT	134,907
EXPENSE	36,250
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	171,157
TOWN COUNSEL	60,000
CABLE TV COMMITTEE	67,793
TAX TITLE	6,500
SALARIES, ELECTED	32,905
EXPENSE	3,100
TOWN CLERK	36,005
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	4,200
EXPENSE	5,350
ELECTIONS	9,550
SALARIES	1,600
EXPENSE	3,000
REGISTRATION	4,600
SALARY	600
EXPENSE	600
PARKING CLERK	1,200
SALARY, APPOINTED	2,600
EXPENSE	365
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE	2,965
SALARIES (minutes), PERMANENT	1,200
SALARIES - APPOINTED OFFICIAL	3,700
EXPENSE	12,425
PLANNING BOARD	17,325
SALARIES (minutes), PERMANENT	900
SALARIES - APPOINTED OFFICIAL	2,600
EXPENSE	2,100
ZONING BOARD	5,600
COMPUTER	31,755
PUBLIC BLD - TOWN HALL	81,324
TOTAL - GENERAL GOVT	953,430

<u>200 PUBLIC SAFETY</u>	
SALARIES	782,428
EXPENSE	137,758
POLICE	920,186
DISPATCH SALARIES	206,124
DISPATCH	206,124
SALARIES	413,423
EXPENSES	95,310
FIRE	508,733
POLICE DETAIL SALARIES	8,000
TOWN POLICE DETAIL	8,000
SALARIES	28,659
EXPENSES	4,000
BUILDING INSPECTOR	32,659
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	7,000
EXPENSES	500
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	7,500
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	7,000
EXPENSES	500
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	7,500
SALARIES	900
WEIGHTS & MEASURES	900
CIVIL DEFENSE (EMS)	2,900
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	7,030
EXPENSES	500
DOG OFFICER	7,530
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	1,000
EXPENSES	16,550
FORESTRY-TREE PLANTING	17,550
FORESTRY-PEST CONTROL	300
FORESTRY-DUTCH ELM	500
TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY	1,720,381

<u>300 EDUCATION</u>	
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	9,749,430

<u>400 PUBLIC WORKS</u>	
SALARIES, ELECTED	2,200
SALARIES, PERMANENT	289,512
EXPENSES	221,608
HIGHWAY	513,320
SALARIES	20,000
EXPENSES	75,000
SNOW REMOVAL	95,000
STREET LIGHTING	42,500
SALARY, PERMANENT	1,655
EXPENSES	750
CEMETERY	2,405
TOTAL - PUBLIC WORKS	633,225

<u>500 HUMAN SERVICES</u>	
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	41,417
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	1,850
EXPENSES	391,951
HEALTH OFFICER	435,218
SALARIES	41,087
EXPENSES	21,460
COUNCIL ON AGING	62,547
SALARY, PERMANENT	2,997
EXPENSES	4,000
VETERANS	6,997
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY	150
TOTAL - HUMAN SERVICES	504,912

<u>600 CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>	
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	139,994
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	1,600
EXPENSES	90,807
LIBRARY	232,401
SALARY, PERMANENT	36,783
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	1,600
EXPENSES	27,488
PARKS	65,871
RED SHOP TOTAL	3,478
EXPENSES	2,850
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	2,850
MEMORIAL DAY	300
CULTURAL COUNCIL	4,000
TOTAL - CULTURE AND RECR.	308,900

<u>700 DEBT SERVICE</u>	
RETIREMENT OF DEBT - PRI	1,522,034
RETIREMENT OF DEBT - INT	570,697
TOTAL - DEBT SERVICE	2,092,731

<u>800 INTERGOVERNMENTAL</u>	
COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	450,681
TOTAL INTERGOV.	450,681

<u>900 MISCELLANEOUS</u>	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	25,000
MEDICARE	151,000
HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE	1,999,781
WORKERS COMPENSATION	76,992
LIABILITY INSURANCE	121,335
TOTAL - MISCELLANEOUS	2,374,108

TOTAL **18,807,798**

Reserve Fund – Rich Martin inquired as to the function of the fund. FinCom member Jim Carroll explained that unanticipated expenses, emergency costs and year-end deficits are addressed with these funds. Any remaining funds are transferred to free cash. A motion was heard to raise and appropriate \$100,000 for the reserve fund.

The original motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 8:39PM.

School Department – Sandra Slattery-Biagetti made a motion for amendment to decrease the budget by \$10,588 (the cost related to Mandarin Chinese). Sue Palmer-Howes explained the funding might be used to fund a biology or health position. Ms Slattery-Biagetti withdrew her amendment.

The original motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 8:47PM.

Board of Health Expense – Marion Miller questioned the large expense figure in the Health Officer budget. Gene Phillips explained that \$360,000 was budgeted for trash collection. This amount was actually decreased by \$57,000 in savings due to a multi-town contract for trash removal.

The original motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 8:49PM.

Article 11: James Morin moved to authorize the Water Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries \$188,535.00, Expenses \$583,492.00, Long Term Debt \$147,335.00

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 8:51PM.

Article 12: James Morin moved to authorize the Sewer Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries \$ 241,927, Expenses \$ 436,521 and Sewer Bans of \$68,375.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 8:51PM.

Article 13: Selectman Robert Burns moved to authorize the Ambulance Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries \$ 102,708, Expenses \$ 46,851.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 8:52PM.

Article 14: Gene Phillips moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,389 to pay the Town's annual assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District.

The motion was seconded and passed at 8:53PM.

Article 15: Regional School Committeeman Paul Yanovitch moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 147,870 for the Town's net operating and capital assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional High School, which is inclusive of

\$14,361 for the debt service associated with Hopedale's previously (2001) voted amount for the districts addition/renovation project.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 8:54PM.

Article 16: Robert Burns moved to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding and operating the Hopedale Cable Advisory Board and other related costs, which fund shall be credited solely with receipts from Comcast pursuant to Sections 5.2(a) and 5.2(b) of the renewal license dated January 9, 1999 to be expended under the authority of the Hopedale Cable Advisory Committee, such expenditures not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the fiscal year 2009.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 9:02PM.

Article 17: Principal Assessor Teri Gonsalves moved to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to M.G. L. Ch. 59 §5, Clause 41C, as authorized under Section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002 of the General Court, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, currently \$4,784.00 in valuation or \$600.00, whichever is greater, to \$4,946.66 in valuation or \$620.40, whichever is greater.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 9:03PM.

Article 18: Principal Assessor Teri Gonsalves moved to pass over this article.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 9:03PM.

Article 19: Michael Collins moved to transfer from Stabilization \$62,500.00 to fund the fourth year of a six-year mortgage with Louis J. Noferi as authorized by Article 20 of the April 12, 2005 Annual Town Meeting and as amended by Article 20 of the May 16, 2006 Annual Town Meeting.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 9:04PM.

Article 20: Alan Ryan moved to accept the provisions of M.G.L C40 §22F which will allow any municipal board or officer empowered to issue a license, permit, certificate, or to render a service or perform work for a person or class of persons, from time to time, to fix reasonable fees for all such licenses, permits, or certificates issued pursuant to statutes or regulations wherein the entire proceeds of the fee remain with the town, and to fix reasonable charges to be paid for any services rendered or work performed by the town or any department thereof, subject, however, to the approval of the elected appointing authority of any such board or officer.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 9:06PM.

Article 21: Alan Ryan moved to transfer the care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land from the Treasurer to the Board of Selectmen for recreation and

other municipal purposes, such parcel being located at 507 Greene Street, consisting of approximately 362,642 square feet, and identified on the records of the Board of Assessors as Map 13, Lot 51 and further described in Instrument of Tax Taking dated February 28, 1989 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 11987, Page 219.

The motion was seconded. Discussion ensued regarding what department should have control over the property. Resident Chris Tomaso made & withdrew an amendment to change control. The original motion passed unanimously at 9:29PM.

Article 22: School Committee Chair Susan Palmer- Howes moved to pass over this article.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 9:29PM.

Article 23: Eugene Phillips moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, for general municipal purposes, including the purpose of reconstructing the Mill Street Bridge and associated Spindleville Pond Spillway, the fee and drainage easements and/or temporary construction easements in portions of the following parcels of land: (a) land now or formerly owned by M.C. Machine Company, and described in deeds recorded with said Deeds in Book 15928, Page 167 and in Book 15928, Page 164; and (b) land owned by owners unknown, located on Mill Street and as may abut the river, and, further to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000 for this purpose and any expenses related thereto and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition.

The motion was seconded. Discussion followed regarding the future cost to the town for maintenance and inspections. The Town Coordinator stated the dam is classified as low-risk and the monetary impact would be in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range per year. He also stated that the Selectman would not agree to take ownership unless the State assured funding for the redesign and new construction.

Moderator Moro called for a vote. The motion passed by more than a 2/3 majority at 9:50PM.

Article 24: Gene Phillips move to pass over this article.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 9:51PM.

A motion was made to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 9:52PM.

A true copy, attest:

Janet Orff Jacaruso, Clerk



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Town Accountant
Linda Catanzariti

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The Board of Selectmen and
Residents of Hopedale

The following report reflects the financial condition of the Town of Hopedale as of June 30, 2008 and for the year then ended. The financial statements include the combined balance sheet and combined statement of revenues and expenditures.

I would like to thank the various town departments for their assistance and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Catanzariti
Town Accountant

Town of Hopdale
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2008

ASSETS

Cash & Investments:
Cash & Investments
Premium Deposit (Self-Insurance)

Receivables:

Personal Property
Real Estate
Tax Liens
Deferred Property
Tax Foreclosures
Motor Vehicle Excise
Total Tax and Excise

User Charges
Other Service
Special Assessments
Ambulance Receivable
Utilities Liens Added to Taxes
Total User Charges and Assessments

Total Receivables

Due from Commonwealth

Amounts To Be Provided:
Bonds Authorized
Bonds Authorized and Unissued
Amounts to be Provided for BANS
Amounts to be Provided for Bonds

TOTAL ASSETS

General Fund (1)	Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-42)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Health Insurance (59)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
2,061,050.16	1,062,635.57	158,554.21	233,031.53	255,292.92	734,712.94 331,900.00	1,612,796.60	-	6,118,073.93 331,900.00
36,294.65								36,294.65
337,358.33								337,358.33
266,671.12								266,671.12
17,565.35								17,565.35
71,497.25								71,497.25
129,849.79								129,849.79
859,236.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	859,236.49
			5,429.48 (5,965.73)	(5,730.91) 52,259.92				(301.43) 46,294.19
			977,355.73	782.96				978,138.69
	79,988.34							79,988.34
			587.28	607.31				
-	79,988.34	-	977,406.76	47,919.26	-	-	-	1,105,314.38
859,236.49	79,988.34	-	977,406.76	47,919.26	-	-	-	1,964,550.87
				346,055.70				346,055.70
							2,477,795.00	2,477,795.00
		1,122,967.00					(2,477,795.00)	(2,477,795.00)
							16,973,038.05	16,973,038.05
-	-	1,122,967.00	-	-	-	-	16,973,038.05	18,096,005.05
2,920,286.65	1,142,623.91	1,281,521.21	1,210,438.29	649,267.90	1,066,612.94	1,612,796.60	16,973,038.05	26,856,585.55

Town of Hopdale
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2008

	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-42)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Health Insurance (69)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
LIABILITIES									
Warrants Payable	328,042.81	56,320.00	6,482.48	28,279.60	55,147.56	270,089.31	18,367.64		762,709.40
Medical Claims Payable						338,065.56			338,065.56
Withholdings	168,527.03								168,527.03
Provision for Abatelements/Exemptions	217,289.86								217,289.86
Agency Accounts							127,787.62		127,787.62
Tailings	8,975.76								8,975.76
Deferred Revenue:									
Property Taxes	156,363.12								156,363.12
Tax Liens	266,671.12								266,671.12
Deferred Taxes	17,565.35								17,565.35
Tax Foreclosures	71,497.25								71,497.25
Motor Vehicle	129,849.79								129,849.79
Water & Sewer		79,988.34		976,819.48	47,311.97				1,024,131.45
Ambulance				587.28	607.31				79,988.34
Utilities Liens Added to Taxes					346,055.70				1,194.59
Intergovernmental	641,946.63	79,988.34	-	977,406.76	383,974.98	-	-	-	346,055.70
									2,093,316.71
Bond Anticipation Notes			1,122,967.00						1,122,967.00
Bond Payable:									
Sewer Plant								655,000.00	655,000.00
Water Expansion								1,593,766.00	1,593,766.00
High School Building								9,660,000.00	9,660,000.00
Memorial School Building								2,580,000.00	2,580,000.00
Fire Station Renovation								1,671,350.00	1,671,350.00
Fire Station Contamination								117,650.00	117,650.00
Storm Water								345,272.05	345,272.05
Sewer Upgrades								350,000.00	350,000.00
								16,973,038.05	16,973,038.05
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,364,782.09	136,308.34	1,129,449.48	1,005,686.36	449,122.54	608,134.87	146,155.26	16,973,038.05	21,812,676.99

Town of Hopedale
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2008

	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-42)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Health Insurance (69)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
FUND BALANCE									
Reserved Fund Balance:									
Reserved for Other Purposes									
Reserved for Encumbrances	403,730.63			3,829.75	6,114.57				413,674.95
Reserved for Carryovers	594,435.33			-	60,000.00				654,435.33
Reserved for Petty Cash	220.00								220.00
Reserved for Special Purposes	998,385.96	-	-	3,829.75	66,114.57	-	-	-	1,068,330.28
Designated Fund Balance	557,118.60	1,006,315.57	152,071.73	200,922.18	134,030.79	458,478.07	1,466,641.34	-	3,083,506.71
Unreserved Fund Balance									892,071.57
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	1,555,504.56	1,006,315.57	152,071.73	204,751.93	200,145.36	458,478.07	1,466,641.34	-	5,043,908.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	2,920,266.65	1,142,623.91	1,281,521.21	1,210,438.29	649,267.90	1,066,612.94	1,612,796.60	16,973,038.05	26,856,585.55

Town of Hopdale
Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
June 30, 2008

	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-42)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Enterprise Fund (20)	Health Insurance (69)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
REVENUE									
Taxes:									
Personal Property	181,271.97								181,271.97
Real Estate	9,084,807.16								9,084,807.16
Tax Liens Redemmed	34,440.94								34,440.94
Tax Foreclosure	500.00								
Motor Vehicle Excise	740,018.57								740,018.57
Penalties & Interest	74,861.94								74,861.94
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	45,148.07								45,148.07
Total Taxes	10,160,848.65								10,160,848.65
User Charges:									
Water					620,560.14				620,560.14
Sewer				633,686.55					633,686.55
Assessments				82,555.98	129,860.00				212,415.98
Total User Charges				716,241.53	750,440.14				1,466,681.67
State Aid	8,133,978.75	446,867.36							8,580,846.11
Other Special Revenue		2,181,179.36							2,181,179.36
Other Local Receipts:									
Charges for Services	71,473.55	255,038.41							326,511.96
Licenses & Permits	73,443.44								73,443.44
Fines & Forfeits	33,833.50								33,833.50
Interest	119,106.23			1,893.37	1,893.37		32,812.68		155,705.65
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	395,811.92	265,038.41		1,893.37	1,893.37	1,076,172.00	32,812.68		1,773,421.75
TOTAL REVENUE	18,690,438.32	2,893,085.13		718,134.90	752,333.51	1,076,172.00	32,812.68		24,162,477.54

Town of Hopdale
Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
June 30, 2008

	General Fund (1)	Other Social Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-42)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Health Insurance (69)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
EXPENDITURES									
Expenditures:									
General Government	871,549.97	44,866.62							916,416.59
Police	1,079,300.71	44,494.75							1,123,795.46
Fire	485,625.64	38,781.03	13,455.73						545,863.40
Ambulance	131,524.45	15,173.69							146,698.13
Inspectors	43,126.08								43,126.08
Forestry	13,100.00								13,100.00
Other Public Safety	17,921.19	10,786.85							28,708.04
Education	9,278,210.87	2,467,126.17							11,735,339.04
Highway	642,695.00	184,904.91							890,566.91
Sewer			62,967.00	622,429.96	773,175.93				771,751.63
Water			149,321.67						785,648.76
Other Public Works			12,473.83						44,866.36
Board of Health	44,482.35	384.00							451,615.13
Council on Aging	438,080.14	13,534.59							64,564.82
Council on Aging	56,933.92	7,880.90							7,241.52
Veterans	7,241.52								259,755.01
Library	240,847.76	10,044.75							99,340.85
Parks	85,498.99	13,841.86					8,862.50		7,550.00
Council on Arts	4,000.00	3,550.00							409,285.45
Other Culture and Recreation	128,533.48								2,254,983.59
Diet Service	2,097,517.86	260,751.97		79,537.50	87,828.23				921,123.59
State and County Charges	921,123.59								3,235,978.19
Employee Benefits	529,454.53	2,739.00				2,703,784.68			24,767,221.55
Total Expenditures	17,126,520.08	3,128,863.48	238,219.23	701,967.46	861,004.16	2,703,784.68	8,862.50	-	
Excess (deficiency) of Revenue									
Over Expenditures	1,563,919.25	(233,776.35)	(238,219.23)	15,167.44	(108,670.65)	(1,627,612.66)	23,950.18	-	(604,744.01)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Other Financing Sources	321,696.99		192,967.00			1,564,939.59	540,643.22		2,620,216.79
Other Financing Uses	(1,564,939.59)	(167,166.99)					(154,500.00)		(1,886,606.57)
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources	(1,243,272.59)	(167,166.99)	192,967.00			1,564,939.59	386,143.22	-	733,610.22
Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	320,645.67	(400,945.34)	(45,252.23)	15,167.44	(108,670.65)	(62,673.06)	410,093.40	-	128,996.21

Hopedale Board of Assessors'

Annual Report for FY2008

The Department of Revenue approved the Town's values for Fiscal Year 2008. With this approval the Town was able to set the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2008. The residential rate is \$11.65 per \$1,000 in value and the Commercial, Industrial & Personal Property tax rate is \$20.08 per \$1,000 in value.

The Assessor's Office continues to prepare for our next recertification which will be for Fiscal Year 2009 (Fiscal Year 2009 is July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2009). To meet the requirements the Assessor's Office will continue to do property inspections through out town. The inspections are to verify that the correct property information will be used when values are set. The verification process includes an interior and exterior inspection. The information that is verified includes the total square footage (exterior), interior information (including finished basements), and other property improvements (pools, sheds and other exterior improvements). The inspections are triggered for various reasons including sales in the previous calendar year, properties that have been issued building permits and if a property has not been inspected in the past three to five years. The Assessor's Office and The Board of Assessors would like to thank the property owners for their cooperation when inspections are requested.

For Fiscal Year 2009 inspections the assessor's Office sent post card prior to visiting the property indicating the inspection would be in the next few weeks. Property owners indicated they appreciated the notice. When property inspections begin each year this information is put on the Town's Cable Station and the Town's Web Site.

In May for 2008 Donald W. Howes was appointed to the Board of Assessors. We would like to thank Mr. Howes for his time and commitment to the Town of Hopedale.

Currently the Town Maps and the Town Zoning are being updated. This information will be available as PDF Files on the Towns Web Site when completed.

The town offers various exemptions to eligible property owners, please contact our office for further information (508-634-2203 ext 224 or 214).

The Assessor's Office has various information and forms available on line. The Town's web site is www.hopedale-ma.gov

Property record cards are available on line and may be found at two sites:
www.hopedale-ma.gov
www.patriotproperties.com

Respectfully submitted
Lisa M. Alberto, Chairperson Board of Assessors
Donald W. Howes
Teresa M. Gonsalves, MAA Principal Assessor

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Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent-Director

Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Report

SUPPORT GIVES STUDENTS ADVANTAGE IN WORKFORCE: With the continuous generous support of local municipal officials and the citizenry of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District, students at Valley Tech are preparing to face the challenges of an increasingly complex and sophisticated global workforce environment. Vocational technical education has experienced major transformations and today's students must develop individual skills and strengths that will insure they are successful in today's competitive marketplace.

Recognized as a leader for innovative learning, Valley Tech strives to challenge every student. As the school steadily grows in overall population, the School Committee, administration, faculty, and staff work tirelessly to provide a safe and friendly atmosphere. Embracing the adaptability to change, Valley Tech does not rest on its laurels, rather constantly upgrades its curriculum to increase the rigor of both academic and vocational technical course offerings.

During Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008), Valley Tech, which serves 13 contiguous towns, experienced unprecedented accomplishments. We hope everyone throughout the Valley Tech region takes pride in the achievements of their vocational technical system.

At the beginning of FY08, Valley Tech distributed a total reimbursement of \$106,000 to the member towns which financed through the District their respective contributions to the \$36 million expansion and renovation of the Upton campus. The final payment was part of nearly \$2 million in rebates of stabilization fund balances returned to District towns during FY06, FY07, and FY08. The project was completed in January 2006.

Looking toward the future, Valley Tech is working on the partial development of nearly 30 acres of donated land located in Upton just a few miles from the main campus. The aim is to provide additional athletic field space, a walking/cross country trail, and an outdoor conservation learning laboratory.

VALLEY TECH STUDENTS DISPLAY TALENTS: Students from Valley Tech continued to shine on the national stage as for the fifth time in six years they returned

from the prestigious SkillsUSA Championships in Kansas City, Mo., with podium finishes. Valley Tech's three-person Community Service team of juniors Justina D'Amato (Uxbridge), Lindsay Melanson (Milford) and Nicole Onanian (Uxbridge) brought home a silver medal, while junior Christina Estrada (Bellingham) won a bronze medal in Preschool Teaching Assistant.

Four other BVT students competed at the 44th annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference and impressively they all finished in the top 10 in their respective contests. Junior Jonathan Holland (Grafton) finished sixth in CNC Turning. Junior Victoria Gemme (Millbury) took eighth in Technical Drafting, while two graduated seniors, Kaitlin Henault (Millbury) and Timothy Lapan (Douglas), each rounded out the top 10 in Job Skills Demonstration Open and Automotive Service Technology, respectively. Henault, who also received a special recognition for mastering all of her contest competencies, was assisted by junior Katelyn Christiansen (Millville).

The theme of the Community Service team project related to Renewable Energy and Conservation. As a Massachusetts Green School, Valley Tech incorporates conservation and renewable energy into its everyday operations. Green has also become a school-wide integration learning initiative with the formation of a Green Team committee of staff and students, an annual Renewable Energy Expo featuring more than 30 businesses, and students experimenting with producing bio-diesel fuels.

The Class of 2008 became the fifth straight from Valley Tech to have 100 percent of its membership achieve competency determination on the state-mandated Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System tests. In addition, 94 percent of the Class of 2009 reached the required benchmark on the tests' first administration. With 74 percent reaching Advanced or Proficient on the Mathematics exam and 73 percent on the English Language Arts test, Valley Tech complied with all regulations for reaching Adequate Yearly Progress.

Valley Tech students and staff completed more than 820 value added projects in-house and throughout the District during the 2007-08 school year. These diversified field-based learning experiences translated into a savings of \$220,793.

NUMBERS CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESS: The FY08 total operating budget for the District was \$16,994,267. Chapter 70 Aid contributed \$6,607,116 and Minimum Contribution requirements from the 13 member towns totaled \$6,650,789.

In the operation portion of the budget but outside DOE Net School Spending areas, the District budgeted \$304,674 for transportation costs, \$217,120 for acquisition of fixed assets, and \$665,506 for retiree medical coverage. This was offset by \$719,780 in regional student transportation funds received from the Commonwealth. In addition to their state-required Minimum Contributions, the member towns unanimously supported the school's operating budget with shared assessments for operations, student transportation, asset acquisition, and retiree medical. This investment provided the fiscal support to respond to the diverse learning needs of a student population that grew by 8 percent over FY07.

Giving consideration to the overall municipal fiscal constraints and the Commonwealth's economic status, the District continues to search out greater efficiency in its staffing patterns, supply purchases, technology, and other contractual service requirements. Bolstered by prudent budget management practices, the District utilized unreserved fund balance in the amount of \$250,000 to offset the towns' actual assessments. Additionally, the District secured funds to purchase vocational equipment and other fixed assets through private donations totaling \$19,950.

CLASS OF 2008: The following students from Hopedale (listed alphabetically with shop) were members of the Class of 2008: Caitlin Irene Burton, Culinary Arts (National Honor Society); Kyle Steven Covino, Culinary Arts; Corey John Marino, Electrical; Thomas Andrew Robert MacDonald, Information Technology.

VALUABLE LEADERSHIP: The Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee comprises 13 individuals, one from each member town, who seek to provide leadership and expertise in guiding the District's operations. Twelve of the members were elected in 2006 to four-year terms. Jeff T. Koopman of Northbridge continues to serve out the two-year term for which he was appointed and was seeking re-election to the committee during the November 2008 elections. Respectfully submitted by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee, Superintendent-Director, and District Treasurer,

Michael D. Peterson, Mendon, Chairman
Gerald M. Finn, Millville, Vice Chairman
Daniel L. Baker, Uxbridge, Secretary
Arthur E. Morin, Milford, Assistant Treasurer
Joseph M. Hall, Bellingham
William J. Pontes, Blackstone
John C. Lavin, III, Douglas

Anthony M. Yitts, Grafton
Paul M. Yanovitch, Hopedale
Chester P. Hanratty, Jr., Millbury
Jeff T. Koopman, Northbridge
Mitchell A. Intinarelli, Sutton
Kenneth M. Pedersen, Jr., Upton

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director
Barbara Auger, District Treasurer

Please Note: This condensed report is provided at the request of municipal authorities. A more detailed report is available from the Office of the Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District, 65 Pleasant St., Upton, MA 01568-1499. For other district information please go to: www.valleytech.k12.ma.us.



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BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Board of Health Annual Report for the year ending June 30, 2008

Once again the Board of Health found itself inundated with a variety of requests and duties, and the continued building boom added to an already heavy load.

The 3 member elected board, Peter B. Mitchell, Edward Holland and Robert M. Moro, grant variances, holds hearings on non-compliance orders, and promulgates Board of Health regulations and policies. The Board holds meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The responsibilities of the Board of Health continue to be all encompassing and ever expanding.

It is our responsibility to enforce all public health regulations related to the State and Federal Sanitary Health Codes, and to enforce any local regulations promulgated by the Board of Health members.

The main issues we deal with on a day-to-day basis include septic design and installations, housing complaints, trash and nuisance complaints, food establishment, odor and noise complaints, and beach water quality. We also investigate rabies issues, asbestos concerns, West Nile Virus concerns, and issue burial permits. The Board also conducts Health Clinics in conjunction with the Visiting Nurses. We issue licenses for all installers, well permits, camp permits and answer any other issues remotely connected to public health. We also issue Tobacco Licenses, and conduct compliance checks on establishments that sell tobacco products.

While conducting home inspections I have noticed an alarming increase of "bed bug" complaints. Bed bugs are transported from infested areas to non-infested areas when they cling onto a person's clothing or crawl into luggage, furniture or bedding which is then carried into homes. Bed bugs are small insects that feed on the blood of mammals and birds. Typically, the bite is painless and rarely awakens a sleeping person. However, it can produce large, itchy welts on the skin. Although bed bugs may be a nuisance to people, they are not known to spread disease.

This year we have also noticed an increase of Lyme disease. Lyme disease is an infectious disease caused by bacteria that are spread by tiny infected ticks (specifically deer ticks). Both people and animals can be infected with Lyme disease, which can be serious if it not treated, but not fatal.

The Board was faced with enforcing new regulations regarding Recreational Camps. These include soccer, baseball and all sport camps.

Once again the Board of Health sponsored the annual Flu Clinic, which was conducted by the Visiting Nurses Association of the Greater Milford-Northbridge area. In spite of confusion and shortages of the vaccine from the State, the Visiting Nurses did an outstanding job. The Board

also sponsored a Flu Clinic for all the public safety personnel of the Police and Fire departments. Due to the successful eye and wellness clinic held last October, the Board of Health, in conjunction with the Hopedale Lions Club, conducted another successful event this year.

Because of the event of September 11, 2001 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has mandated that every town have a disaster plan in place. Health Agent Leonard A. Izzo has been attending various seminars to prepare for such an event, should it occur. In conjunction with Massachusetts Region II Public Health, the Emergency Preparedness Coalition has completed the Town of Hopedale's dispensing site plan. The Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) is to administer vaccines or dispense antibiotics in response to an infectious disease outbreak of any magnitude. These incidents can range from a single case of Hepatitis A in a food handler, to cases of Meningitis in a school, influenza pandemic or bioterrorist event involving thousands of people or even the entire population. The emergency site is the Hopedale High School, with full cooperation of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patricia Ruane. Due to the location and accessibility, it has been determined that this site is the best choice in the community.

Health Agent Leonard A. Izzo has secured numerous grants through the Region II Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition, of which he is a member of the Executive Committee. An example was a grant for two defibrillators. One defibrillator was set up at the Hopedale Town Hall and the second was given to the Senior Center located at the Community House. With the cooperation of the Fire Department, training and certification was conducted for the Town Hall personnel.

Last year the Board of Health saved you, the taxpayer, over \$54,000.00 by the reduction of trash tipping fees for rubbish sent to the incinerator in Millbury. The Hopedale Board of Health reminds all residents that recycling is mandatory. By recycling you not only save the environment, you also save your valuable tax dollars by keeping the cost of rubbish removable down.

Additionally, a floor drain regulation was initiated as a preventive measure to preserve and protect the Town of Hopedale's drinking water resources from any discharge of pollutants to the ground through floor drains.

As you can see, the Board of Health has to deal with a variety of complex issues. This office does its ultimate to answer questions in a timely fashion by returning calls quickly, and responding to resident complaints in an appropriate timeframe. While everyone believes that his/her situation is of the ultimate importance, we are unfortunately forced to prioritize, as this office has only one employee on a daily basis.

Please be assured that I make every effort to do my best to answer all questions and to resolve any problems, and enforce the regulations that the Board of Health is empowered to administer.

Respectfully submitted:
Leonard A. Izzo Health Agent



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Building Commissioner
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Michael Tusino

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2008

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale, I hereby submit the report of the Building / Zoning Department for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

The Building / Zoning Department consists of: Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer, Michael Tusino (dept. head); Electrical Inspector, Joseph Scanzaroli; Plumbing and Gas Inspector, John Fontana, and Assistant Building Inspector Michael Giampietro.

The Building Department is a part-time department which poses a constant challenge to keep up with the pace of construction through town as well as provide quality service to the taxpayers. I believe that the Building Department staff continually exceeds this challenge and I thank them for this.

The Estimated cost of construction throughout town was \$ 4,566,880.

The following is a breakdown of departmental activity:

Building Permits were issued as follows:

Single Family Dwellings	1	Residential Additions	19
Two Family Dwellings	1	Residential Renovations	39
Decks	29	Sheds	8
In Ground Pools	6	Above Ground Pools	5
Roofing	28	Wood Stoves	12
Garages	3	Signs	2
Certificate of Inspection	22	Tenant Fit-Up	3
Commercial Buildings	2	Commercial Addit./Ren.	8

Building Inspections:	192	Building Permits:	168	Permit Fees:	\$35,617.44
Electrical Inspections:	228	Electrical Permits:	159	Permit Fees:	\$13,982.00
Plumbing Inspections:	143	Plumbing Permits:	69	Permit Fees:	\$4,572.00
Gas Inspections:	32	Gas Permit:	36	Permit Fees:	\$1,156.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Tusino
Building Commissioner/
Zoning Enforcement Officer



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June 30, 2008

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale:

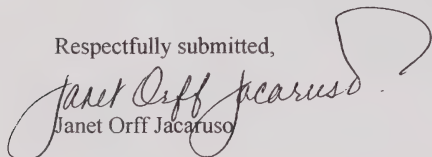
As fiscal year 2008 ends, I am pleased to submit this report of activity pertaining to the Clerk's Office and the Board of Registrars. During the 2007 calendar year the following events were registered locally and with the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics fifty-seven (57) births, fifty-seven (57) deaths and twenty-one (21) marriages.

Senior Tax Credit participants Dr. Florence Ames, Mrs. Claire Finigan, and Mrs. Shirley Coe worked industriously throughout the year. Once again they completed their required hours and generously volunteered numerous additional hours that ensured the smooth running of this office. As the funding for this office provides for only part-time staffing, the value of the work completed by these superb women is priceless.

Two Special Town Meetings and the Annual Town Meeting were conducted during FY2008. The Annual Town Election was held in May. The Presidential Primary, which was held in February, was well attended. The poll workers performed their duties efficiently and with good humor, making election days a pleasant experience for voters. I would like to thank the highway department staff for their assistance in preparing the polling site. Minutes and election results are published elsewhere in this report.

I am honored to continue to serve this wonderful and unique community. As always, I ask for your comments and suggestions in order to continue improving the operation of this department.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet Orff Jacaruso

HOPEDALE COUNCIL ON AGING
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Annual Report
July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

The Council on Aging's mission is to work to meet the needs of residents age sixty (60) and older by providing opportunities for education, recreation and access to services. Hopedale's elder population comprises eighteen (18) percent, (1100 seniors) of the town's total population. The Council acts as a unified body and represents the interests of this diverse group of residents.

FY'08 was a year distinguished by tremendous growth in our outreach services. The growth was made possible by a decision to target the entire State Formula Grant (\$7,033.00) award toward our outreach program. Outreach is now a daily activity. In the past, these activities were primarily initiated by clients seeking assistance. While much of our outreach is client-initiated, during this past year we were able to shift the outreach focus to "client finding". The COA's initiation of phone calls and home visits to Hopedale's senior population has aided in increasing community awareness of our services, enabled us to build trusting relationships and produced actionable results. We secured homecare services for elder caregivers, obtained assistive devices for disabled seniors and provided counseling and information for seniors confused over their medical and drug insurance coverage. Most importantly our experience confirms the value seniors place on receiving caring calls and visits. We currently make an average of eighty (80) contacts each month. Our outreach experience provides us with a more accurate picture of Hopedale's predominant aging issue.

The problematic issues facing Hopedale's seniors are a lack of transportation, the loneliness and limited socialization which results from being isolated and a shortage of homecare workers and aging agency service program volunteers. Seventeen percent (17 %) of our senior population is eighty (80) and over. As seniors stop driving life drastically changes. Unfortunately, the Council on Aging's transportation services are limited to transit for medical appointments, limited grocery and personal shopping. The quality of seniors lives are negatively impacted by the lack of these vital services and resources. Our objective is to assist in the delivery of services that keep seniors in their homes and out of long-term care facilities. The Council on Aging continues to work with our local legislators in an effort to advocate for increased state-funded homecare. We constantly endeavor to source funding and innovative ideas to address socialization of isolated seniors.

Our core service programs are local and out-of-town medical transportation, the delivery of meals through "The Meals on Wheels Program", enrollment in the federal Fuel Assistance program, health and prescription drug insurance counseling, podiatry and flu clinics and crisis assistance for elders and their caregivers. Each year we service over four thousand (4,000)

calls from seniors, their children and local aging agencies. Seniors calling our center seek information on transportation, healthcare insurance, Medicare, prescription drug insurance coverage, housing, real estate tax relief, legal assistance and caregiver support. We actively respond to increasing requests from adult children seeking information regarding services for their aging parents.

The Council on Aging continues a fifteen (15) year old collaboration with the Hopedale School Department and six (6) year collaboration with the town of Milford to provide errand and limited medical transportation services. We will enter our seventh (7) year of collaboration with the Milford COA and the Blackstone Valley Consortium of COAs to provide local and out of town medical transportation services to seniors.

Transportation services remain the most critical of seniors' needs. In FY'08 we provided one hundred seventy-six (176) trips (medical/local) for seniors with no means of transportation. We experienced a thirty-five (35) percent increase in local medical transportation over FY'07. Lack of transportation is one of the single most critical factors that impact the quality of seniors' lives. Hopedale seniors are disadvantaged by the absence of a regional or a convenient mass transportation system.

Our monthly activities range from programs which provide medical and legal information to those which are purely cultural or social. Our highly recognized "Hugs from Hopedale" knitting group has made hundred of blankets, hats and mittens for needy newborns and children as well as seniors residing in long-term care facilities. We continue our long-standing relationships and joint annual programming with the Hopedale Schools, Fire and Police and Board of Health Departments, the Girl Scouts and Draper Place, a local Assisted Living Facility. The Senior Citizen Breakfast at the High School, winter and spring concerts with the elementary school and the Veterans' Breakfast are all anticipated annual events.

For fifteen (15) years, the town of Hopedale has provided the "Senior Tax Credit Program". The highly successful program allows seniors who are age sixty (60) and over and own property in Hopedale to obtain a tax credit of \$750.00 in exchange for one hundred and eleven (111) hours of work. Program participants work in a majority of town departments. In FY'08, the program had nineteen (19) participants. Hopedale benefits greatly from our senior employees. As in prior years, many who participate in the program go on to volunteer their services to the town long after the completion of their required hours.

The Council on Aging continues to function as the intake site for all Hopedale residents seeking Federal Fuel Assistance. During this past year, we assisted a total of fifteen (15) applicants, eight (8) were senior citizens. Fuel Assistant applicants are among the town's most indigent residents. In order to complete their applications, many applicants require multiple sessions. The COA is the only town-wide human service agency.

The Council on Aging Board unanimously believes that our single room which serves as the Hopedale Senior Center fails to meet the needs of Hopedale's senior residents. Our single

room with a capacity limited to less than twenty-five (25) people is in a building that is only partially handicapped accessible, loaded with stairs and lacks privacy and storage space. The COA has suggested that a senior center feasibility study and subsequent construction could potentially be funded through a Community Development Block Grant. While the idea is not currently favorable with our Selectmen, the COA will work to build community consensus and re-present the topic in FY'09.

I want to recognize the outstanding work of COA Staff Assistant, Tootsie Deletti and Outreach Worker, Nancy Mosher. A special thanks is extended to our wonderful unpaid staff of sixty (60) volunteers. Finally, to all of the Council on Aging board members, thank you for all your time and support.

The Council on Aging Board Members are:

Co-Chair	Patricia Johnson
Co-Chair	Edward Holland
Secretary	Nancilee Fuller
Members	Claudette Hughes
	Barbara Delphos
	Virginia Potty
	Julia Manning
	Cheryl Moreci
	Claire McCall

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Mullen
Director

Hopedale Cultural Council Annual Report 2007-2008

The Massachusetts Cultural Council allocated \$4000.00 for local aid to the arts, humanities and interpretative sciences. The local council received 24 applications and awarded the following:

Hopedale Cultural Council – \$800

John Root – \$200

Hopedale Bancroft Library – \$400

Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band – \$500

Blackstone Valley Art Association – \$200

Claflin Hill Music Performance Foundation – \$500

Milford Performing Arts Center – \$150

Greater Milford Ballet, The Nutcracker Ballet – \$300

Audio Journal, Windows to the World – \$250

Deborah Sampson Reenactment – \$450

Steps off Broadway Children's Theater – \$250

The Town of Hopedale allocated \$4,000.00 to the Cultural Council, which enabled the Cultural Council to organize the Wednesday night summer band concerts. There were seven performances in the series, costing a total of \$4,200. The HCC paid the additional \$200 over the allocation from the Town of Hopedale. Refreshment concessions were offered by local organizations.

The Annual Day in the Park festival was held on Saturday September 15, 2008 at the town park. Live music and entertainment, adult fine art show, craft booths and a one-mile road race for children, games and food concessions provided fun for all ages.

A scholarship of \$300 was awarded to a graduating Hopedale High School student class of 2008.

The Student Art was held December 1, 2007 in conjunction with the Holiday Festivities being held at the Hopedale Community House. Students from Hopedale and the surrounding area submitted their work to this juried event.

Theatre trip to see White Christmas was held on November 28, 2007. The trip was coordinated by the Hopedale Cultural Council and funded through the cost of the tickets and bus fee paid by those purchasing tickets.

Respectfully Submitted

Sally A. Decelles, LCC Secretary

September 20, 2008

Wilma Manning, Chairperson

Ellen Murphy, Treasurer

Joanne Andreotti, Virginia Larkin, Ann-Marie Lockwood, Ann Labrode, Kate Nolan,

Dorothy Suszanska

September 10, 2008

To the Citizens of Hopedale:

The proposed budget for Fiscal 2008 (July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008), as outlined on the following pages, indicates a spending increase of approximately 6% over the prior year. On the revenue side, local receipts have decreased and state funded receipts have increased slightly and new growth in real estate has declined.

Specific budget increases over the past year for our larger departments are as follows:

School Department:	7.20% (\$637,000)
Police Department:	2.73% (\$ 23,000)
Fire Department:	5.34% (\$ 25,000)
Highway Department:	7.85% (\$ 36,000)
Health Department:	1.95% (\$ 9,000)
Town Government	2.38% (\$ 22,000)
Library	8.53% (\$ 18,000)

The increases in the budget expenditures represent increased labor costs, energy costs, waste management, and building and equipment costs and maintenance.

During this fiscal year the Selectmen, along with the Finance Committee, completed their negotiations for the sale of cell tower sites that sit atop a water tower. The use of the funds, approximately \$550,000, are to be used to pay for the land adjacent to the High School which will be set aside for future use.

The self insured insurance plan continues to be a positive change for employee health insurance. Increases in premium costs under this plan remained lower than they would under a third-party plan.

During this fiscal year the Town Committees continued their work on the Town wide Master Plan that will be utilized as a management tool in future years. It is viewed by the Finance Committee as an essential need for the town.

The town is in a reasonable fiscal position with a good bond rating which allows borrowing at lower rates and its savings account balance is adequate. In order to sustain this position, it is necessary for all expenditures to be carefully considered. Areas of savings such as collaborative purchasing are being pursued and grant opportunities are another area that we are encouraging town departments to take advantage of.

It will also be important to look for and consider additional, new and creative sources of revenue. This includes exploring commercial property development. To the extent that revenue provided from the State does not meet the needs of the town, new local sources of revenue must be obtained. There are substantial capital needs that the town will face in the future including renovations at the Town Hall. These needs cannot be addressed without a revenue source.

The Finance Committee is confident that the future can be financially stable for the taxpayers in Hopedale. By maintaining budget levels that include slow growth, our fiscal future can be manageable.

Hopedale Fire Department

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2008

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Hopedale Fire Department hereby submits its Annual Report for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. This report includes fire and emergency medical service (EMS) responses for calendar year 2007 as well as the activities of the fire prevention office for Fiscal Year 2008.

Emergency Responses

The fire department responded to 1,227 emergency calls during the year. This represents a 4% increase over 2006 with EMS responses increasing by 7% over the same period. Fire loss for the year was a staggering caused primarily from the loss of the Sawyer family dwelling at 90 Hopedale Street on December 27, 2007. The cause was accidental, associated with an overturned candle in a second floor bedroom, smoke detectors alerted the occupants who were home and were able to escape unharmed, but the fire loss exceeded \$350,000. On February 26, 2007 a structure fire broke out at 120 Mill Street when an electrical appliance, which had not been used in many years, was left on while a new tenant was moving their belongings into the house. The fire spread from the ceiling of a second story bedroom into the attic and through the roof before it could be contained by the fire department. Structural damage was estimated at \$53,000. Improper disposal of a cigar was the cause of a \$15,000 blaze at the Milford Auto Sales, 17C Airport Road. The May 2, 2007 fire was discovered by a passerby and affected several adjoining businesses. A fourth structure fire during the year occurred at a single family home located at 16 Highland Street. In this fire, caused by a bird's nest that had been built on top of a porch light fixture ignited from the heat of a properly working appliance. The fire caused \$10,000 in damage and the occupants were very fortunate to be alerted before they went to bed for the evening. Estimated property damage for the year was \$437,650.

No firefighters were injured during 2007 and only two civilians received minor burns in structure fires. This was the fifth year in a row that no civilians have been killed by fire in Hopedale.

Personnel

Our Call Firefighter ranks remain strong with twenty-seven Substitute or regular Call Firefighters. Six full-time Firefighters and the full-time Fire Chief make up the permanent staff. Overall, thirty-four members is the highest number of employees that we have ever realized as a Department.

- **Emergency Responses**

EMS responses:	852 (7% increase from calendar year 2006)
Fire responses:	375 (2% decrease from calendar year 2006)
Total Responses 2007:	1,227 (4% increase from calendar year 2006)

Mutual Aid Responses: **29 Received from other communities**
 27 Given to other communities

- **Fire Prevention Office**

Permits issued: 385 (418 in 2006)

Associated activities: 957 (1066 in 2006)

>includes investigation of complaints, violations issued, fire drills conducted, fire alarm tests, building inspections, building plan reviews, fire safety classes, etc.

- **Fees Collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer FY2008**

Fire Prevention Office: \$5,575.04 (\$3,715.00 in FY2007)

Hazardous Materials Incident Reimbursements: \$ 0 (\$0 in FY2007)

Fire Incident Reimbursement: \$1,606.63 (\$100.00 in FY2007)

Fire Alarm Service Fee Collected: \$5,950.00 (\$5,500 in FY2007)

Ambulance transportation receipts: \$222,128.83 (\$227,061.68 in FY2007)

Total Fees Turned Over to the Town: \$235,260.05 (\$236,426.68 in FY2007)

- **Expenses of the Ambulance Service FY2008**

Ambulance Service ALS Expense and Billing Fee: \$15,015.73 (\$15,992.13 in FY2007)

Ambulance Service Expense FY2008: \$126,500.33

Ambulance Service Expense Other FY2008: \$223.29

Total Ambulance Service Expense: \$141,739.35

Net Gain Ambulance Revenue: \$80,389.48

- **Federal Disaster Reimbursement:** (no disaster declarations)

- **Grants Received:**

Mass. Firefighter Safety & Equipment: (not offered)

Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.): \$3,850

Volunteer Fire Assistance (Rural Fire Grant): \$2,000

Central Mass. Regional Planning Council: Under U.S. Department of Homeland Security (CEDAP): (referred to police department)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Fire Act Grant: \$31,520 for a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Air Filling Station and Compressor

Total Grant Awards FY2008: \$37,370

Total General Donations of Equipment and In-Kind Services: \$18,640

EMS Service

The EMS service provided 852 emergency ambulance responses during calendar year 2007. Advanced Life Support agencies providing paramedic service to our town included the Town of Mendon Fire Department, American Medical Response (AMR), Events ambulance service, and the Bellingham Fire Department. Our EMS system continues to provide excellent service to the community with a response rate of one to three minutes. Hopedale EMS provides the services of a Type III Class 1 modular ambulance purchased in 2001 through the collection of ambulance fees. We believe that over-lapping emergency calls now justify the purchase of a second ambulance for the town. We hope this can be accomplished during FY2009. Ambulance revenue remained constant during Fiscal Year 2008 while our expenses dropped significantly due to energy conservation efforts. It is estimated that the ambulance service should continue to operate in the black for the next five years or so.

Goals of the Fire Department for the Coming Years

Our goals as established during FY2008 include strengthening the command structure of our Department. This we approach with a plan to fill the open vacancy of the part-time Deputy Chief with a goal of having someone in position by January 1, 2009. In addition, we intend to strengthen the quality and capabilities of the Call Fire Department. To that end we will appoint four new Call Officers during the summer of 2008 and continue to recruit new personnel and provide them with quality training. We will also be exploring the possibility of bringing Advanced Life Support level of care to our EMS system. With the closure of the paramedic system once provided by the Milford Regional Medical Center we are faced with the need for reliable and immediate ALS services.

Acknowledgements

We continue to work for you, the public, providing quality care and assistance when called upon, preparing for emergencies through organized training and the sufficient administration of services. Many times we are required to call upon the services of other town departments including the Hopedale Police, Highway, Water & Sewer Departments, and the Hopedale Council on Aging. Without their help our capabilities would be limited. To all our mutual aid communities that we continue to call upon we send our heartfelt thanks especially including Mendon, Upton, Uxbridge, and Milford. A special thank you to both Jay Appell and James Ahearn for the countless hours that they spend recording our Department's history.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott D. Garland
Fire Chief

Hopedale Fire Department Roster 2007-2008

Scott D. Garland, Fire Chief

(Vacant), Deputy Chief of Operations

Thomas M. Daige, EMS Director

Reverend Christopher Dodge, Chaplain

Jay Appell, Videographer
James Ahearn, Photographer

Permanent Firefighter/EMT's

Paul A. Barry
David J. McMorrow
Ryan T. Jenkins

Thomas M. Daige
Richard J. Gleason, Jr.
Leslie N. Fosburgh, Jr.

Call Firefighters

Vernon D. Gross, Captain/EMT*

Engine Company #4

Daniel H. Lopez, Lieutenant/EMT*
Mark Marcotte, Private
Rob Minichiello, Private
Matthew Kelly, Private/Paramedic
Richard Corcoran, Private/Paramedic
Steven Hamilton, Private/EMT

Engine Company #3

Harold V. Murphy, Acting Lt./EMT
Michael Goncalves, Private*
Joseph Avellino, Private/EMT
Derek Murdock, Private/EMT
Peter Ballou, Private
Jeffrey Beckwith, Private/ EMT

Ladder Company #1

Thomas Betschart, Acting Lt./Paramedic
Michael Tarella, Acting Lt./EMT*
Michael Ciaramicoli, Private
Teddy Wagner, Private/EMT
Timothy Gomes, Substitute Firefighter*
Jeffrey Alger, Substitute Firefighter
Gregory Gomes, Substitute Firefighter
William Travis Barnett, Substitute FF
Gregory Meade, Substitute Firefighter

Mark Griffith, Private
Michael Malnati, Private
Nina Iacovelli, Substitute Firefighter
Patricia Diamond, Substitute FF/EMT
Raymond Fitzgerald, Substitute FF/EMT
Joshua Murdock, Substitute Firefighter
James Vignone, Substitute FF/EMT
James Kellett, III, Substitute Firefighter

*did not serve a full year

Apparatus Inventory of the Hopedale Fire Department

Engine 2: 2002 Emergency One 1,500 gallon per minute pumping fire engine with 1,000 gallons of water and Class A and Class B foam units in very good condition

Engine 3: 1993 Pierce Freightliner 1,250 gallon per minute pumping fire engine with 720 gallons of water and Class A foam unit in good condition

Engine 4: 1987 Maxim 1,000 gallon per minute pumping fire engine with 700 gallons of water, Class A foam, in good condition

Ladder 1: 2007 Pierce 100 foot aerial truck in excellent condition

Rescue 1: 1994 E.J. Murphy Ford Super Duty light duty all-wheel drive rescue truck in fair condition (sold in FY2008)

Tanker 1: 1975 General military surplus all-wheel drive tanker containing 1,200 gallons of water in fair condition

Tanker 2: 2006 Rosenbaur Freightliner 1,250 gallon per minute pumping engine with 3,000 gallons of water in very good condition

Ambulance 1: 2001 Wheeled Coach Ford E450 Type III modular ambulance in good condition

Brush 1: 2002 Fire One Ford F350 all-wheel drive forest firefighting pumping engine with Class A foam and 175 gallons of water in very good condition

Brush 2: 1978 Dodge 4X4 pick-up in poor condition

Car 1: 2000 Ford Expedition with Odyssey command console and thermal imaging receiver in good condition

Boat 1: 2002 Zodiac 10'2" rubber inflatable bottom boat with 9.9 Mercury motor in very good condition

All Hazards Unit: 2003 17' Limberger utility trailer in very good condition



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Historical Commission

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Alan J. Ryan, Vice-Chair
Robert Hammond
Daniel Malloy
Elaine Malloy
Fred G. Oldfield III
Theresa L. Ryan

For years, the Hopedale Historical Commission has been working toward its goal of completely restoring the historic Little Red Shop on Hopedale Street. This oldest remaining industrial building in Hopedale played an important role in both the early Hopedale Community and in the New England textile industry. Over the years, the building – donated to the town in the 1960s as a museum – had fallen victim to disrepair and neglect. With ever-tightening budgets, funding the needed repairs solely through town monies was not possible. With the help of the Friends of Historic Hopedale, our Commission's fundraising arm, coupled with grants and matching town funds as well as a very generous donation from the Hopedale Foundation, we were finally able to cobble together enough capital to complete the renovation project.

Restoration project architects, Chenot & Associates, created the necessary addition of a handicapped-accessible restroom and interior ramp off the back of the building, helping preserve interior space while making the building accessible to all. They also designed a handicapped-accessible ramp from the street to the building's large barn-like front doors.

In the summer of 2007, Whipple Construction Company of Worcester was awarded the restoration work. Because the building is historic and because we had received a \$100,000 grant from the Massachusetts Historic Commission (MHC), work had to be conducted by an MHC-approved vendor and in keeping with historical accuracy. Reconstruction on the dilapidated building began in August, 2007 and most of the major work was completed by January, 2008.

In addition to the restroom and handicap access, there were many other significant construction activities, including shoring up the aging sills, adding the exterior ramp, installing a new heating and cooling system and insulation, installing the new roof, putting in period-accurate windows, revamping the historic cupola and re-siding the entire building. D&E Painting of Hopedale generously painted the building's exterior once the major restoration work was completed and Landscaper Walter Swift of Swift's Creative Landscaping provided landscaping expertise. The Commission is grateful for the many donations of labor and materials, including electrical supplies donated by Crown Electric of Milford and painting supplies donated by Gerry's Paintland of Milford and Benjamin Moore Paints.

With the completion of Whipple's work, there has been additional progress on interior renovations, volunteerism and collections acquisition for the Little Red Shop Museum. Some of the more notable achievements to date include:

- Painting of the new handicapped-accessible bathroom and ramp area, walls and ceilings
- Interior painting and/or staining of the new window muntins and frames
- Securing books, pictures and artifacts from the library and town hall for eventual display in the Little Red Shop Museum
- Installation of a new fire and theft alarm system

- Hopedale Street hookup to the natural gas line there
- Securing estimates for additional, required electrical work
- Work on selecting museum catalogue and tracking software
- Continued meeting regularly with the Friends of Historic Hopedale; continued reporting on progress to the Hopedale Historical Commission
- Creation of a subcommittee for picture framing and restoration
- Expanded the membership of the Friends of Historic Hopedale; three new volunteers have stepped forward to assist with photograph cataloguing and framing as well as other tasks.

While the Red Shop took up the bulk of the Commission's time this fiscal year, we also participated in the annual Hopedale Day in the Park in September, selling items to raise funds and sponsoring horse-drawn wagon rides around town to help bring visibility to the Commission and its work.

In December of 2007, the Friends of Historic Hopedale sponsored a Holiday Tour of Historic Homes and in February sponsored the Crystal Ball at the Myriad Ballroom in Mendon. Strong participation in both events and successful live and silent auctions and an advertising keepsake booklet at the Ball helped bring in thousands of additional dollars for the Friends. Most of those funds will go directly to additional work at the Red Shop, including electrical work, a gallery photo hanging system, gift shop items and more. The Commission remains very grateful for the dedicated work of the small Friends group.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan J. Ryan

Historical Commission Members

Merrily Sparling
 Alan Ryan
 Robert "Zeke" Hammond
 Daniel Malloy
 Elaine Malloy
 Fred G. Oldfield III
 Theresa Ryan

Red Shop Committee Members

Merrily Sparling
 William Gannett
 Thomas McGovern



HOPEDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY

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REPORT FOR THE HOPEDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR 2008

The annual meeting of the Authority was held on June 9, 2008; the following were elected or appointed to office:

Karen Villani	Chairman
Paula Malloy	Vice Chairman
Nancilee Fuller	Treasurer
Louis Trevani	Asst. Treasurer
*Edith Francis	Asst. Secretary
Katherine E. Consigli	Executive Director and Secretary
*State Appointee	

The Elderly/Disabled Housing Projects 667-1 and 667-2, known as Griffin-Dennett Developments, consist of eighty apartments and is managed according to the rules and regulations set forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Authority meets on the second Monday of each month and the annual meeting is usually held on the second, Monday in May. The Authority held ten regular meetings during the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

The Authority has completed the construction of a two car garage, which now allows for more storage for the maintenance staff, the Authority install a new brick paved walkway around the flag pole and monument stone in front of the Griffin Development, the Memorial Day parade participants will notice this lovely addition to the property, along with new plantings around the Hopedale Housing Authority's sign. We are also in the process of building low retaining stone walls around our two large pine trees near the Recreation Hall. The property and buildings are continual maintained and upgraded, throughout the year to insure a safe and healthy environment for all of its tenants.

There is a current waiting list and local residents are given preference according to State Regulations.

Respectfully Submitted
Katherine E. Consigli
Executive Director

**Bancroft Memorial Library
Annual Report of the Library Trustees
FY2008**

Bancroft Memorial Library continues to expand services to the public by making “wireless” Internet service available to anyone who has a laptop computer with a wireless card. Service is available on both floors of the library.

“The Runaway Quilt” by Jennifer Chiaverini was chosen for the third town wide book discussion. Events centering on the book included Quiltmaker Linda Ramrath discussing “Underground Quilts”, Elaine Malloy providing a “Quilting 101” class and a visit from “Abby Kelly Foster” (a.k.a. Lynn Lydick), abolitionist and woman’s suffragette for children in grades 3-9.) .

The Children’s Librarian provides two story hours each week in the Fall, Winter and Spring. The summer reading program attracts over 150 children from preschool to junior high school. Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Bancroft Memorial Library and the Cultural Council, entertainers including Magician Joe Arsenault, folk singer Davis Bates and musician Joel Warren provided programs for the children this year.

The library maintains a very busy calendar with monthly meetings of the Hopedale Historical Commission and Red Shop committees, the Friends of the Library and the weekly “Knovel Knitters”. The Library Trustees meet monthly throughout the year as well.

With the library’s continuing membership in the CWMARS consortium, our patrons have access to the collections of over 140 libraries in Central and Western Massachusetts. Patrons may place requests from home or at the library and items are delivered to the Bancroft Memorial Library four times per week. We received 4,634 items from other libraries this year for our patrons. Patrons are continuing to enjoy having the library open on Friday afternoons thanks to the use of Library State Aid funds. An average of 101 patrons checked out an average 1,337 items each week.

In June, 2007 the library received news that they had been awarded a Planning & Design Grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) as a matching grant. This grant was matched with the generosity of the Friends of the Library and use of State Aid Funds. It will allow the library to conduct an extensive feasibility study of the facility and the services provided by the library. This assessment will provide guidance to the Trustees and Director on how the current facility is meeting the needs of the residents of the Town of Hopedale.

Merrily Sparling, our Library Director retired June 30, 2008. The Board of Trustees would like to thank her for her years of service and wish her well in her retirement. A search committee has been formed and we are in the process of finding a new librarian.

Finally a great deal of thanks to all the staff, volunteers, Friends and Trustees who put in so much of their own time and effort to provide assistance, funds and needed projects to the Bancroft Memorial Library. Thanks, we couldn’t do it without you!

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick G. Oldfield III, Chair of Library Trustees
Katherine M. Wright
Nancy Verdolino



1899 Hopedale Park Commission 2008

"Preserving the Legacy" Rick Espanet, Chair / Susan Kincaid / Rich Breese "Embracing the Future"

Elected Stewards for: Hopedale Pond & Parklands, Town Park, Mellen Field, Adin Ballou Park, Adin Street Triangle
Member: Massachusetts Park & Recreation Association / U.S. Tennis Association

Summer Recreation Director: Barry Gorman / Grounds Superintendent: Mark Sesona

Meetings: First Thursday of each Month, 7:00 PM, Town Hall, Draper Room
Broadcast live on Cable Channel 8

Online office: <http://www.hopedale-ma.gov>

109th Year, 97th Annual Town Report

October 2007 – October 2008

The Commission continues to maximize a modest annual budget of \$65K - augmented with select capital planning appropriations and collected field use/maintenance fees - to improve, maintain, and protect our parks, playfields and open spaces for the greater good and enjoyment of the community at large.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Spring Election:** Susan Kincaid was re-elected for a 2nd consecutive three-year term. Rick Espanet named Chairman & Treasurer and Susan Kincaid, Secretary
- **In-Town youth sports league fees locked in at current rates through 2010**
 - ✓ League Usage Fee: Resident: \$8 per registration / Non-resident: \$12 per registration
 - ✓ Field Mx (if desired): Resident: \$5 per registration / Non-resident: \$ 8 per registration
- **Field Commercialization.** After much debate and deliberation, the Board denied a request by PMP Sports to utilize Town playfields for business use. We further voted to amend existing guidelines to protect our valued, open-play spaces from commercial encroachment.

TOWN POND / PARKLANDS

- **Efforts to control Canada geese population a success.** For the first time in several years, public grassy areas around the bath house and Town Park were free of geese droppings. This can be directly attributed to a multi-pronged effort of: public awareness, allowing vegetation around the pond shoreline to fill-in, egg addling, and limited in-season hunting. A lack of volunteers prohibited addling in 2008; therefore, to maintain momentum limited hunting was once again allowed in the fall - with 20 birds taken. Canada Geese still find ample refuge on Hopedale Pond, but with their resident numbers reduced to under 30, down from 120+ a couple of years ago, a balance has been found where they can co-exist without being a nuisance. We will continue to monitor and maintain this delicate balance moving forward; and appreciate the overwhelming -support that residents and Town officials have shown to us in this effort.
- **Forestry Management Program.** The Parklands was last forested back in the mid 80's, so the area is long-overdue for thinning. Preliminary surveying of boundaries and the process of identifying poor growing/hazardous trees commenced in late summer. Bids are being solicited for the actual cutting/harvesting of trees, and we will insist on safeguards to insure that slash and woodchips are removed. This program is the first step in what we hope will be a long-term forestry management strategy for preserving the Parklands; and it will be done at no cost to the Town. Timber is considered a surplus item, so we contract the forestry

company to pay us for timber harvested per acre. The forestry company then sells the wood to a mill. We see this as a win-win situation for all.

- **Poor winter skating conditions:** A mild winter with regular snows limited skating on the pond. The lights were only operational 5 days. Spring 2008 Ice-out: Tuesday, March 18th.

PHILLIPS BROTHERS MEMORIAL FIELD

- **Mellen Field Dedication.** At a Veterans Day ceremony led by Judge Francis Larkin, Mellen Field was renamed and dedicated to the memory of Hopedale Veterans Harold, John, and Ben Phillips. With many members of the Phillips family in attendance, the facility was proudly christened Phillips Brothers Memorial Field.
- **Drainage problem fixed.** Spring snow melt and heavy rains did not flood the ballfield area – confirming that the 10' X 6' dry well installed late in 2007 resolved this long-standing problem.
- **Second Softball Infield Refurbished.** Grass was removed and the infield was skinned with a clay mixture. Over 70 yards of material was utilized. Cost: \$2,140.
- **General Improvements.** Rotted fencing was replaced; the Board allowed the Youth Softball League to erect a batting cage and install an electric line to it at their cost; and permission was given to the league to expand its existing storage shed.

TOWN PARK

- **Summer Program.**
 - ✓ Our 10 week Park summer program once again provided low-cost arts & crafts, free games and sports equipment, and supervised field trips to Town youngsters. Trips were made to the Douglas Waterslides the movies, and the Edgewater Swim & Tennis Club. Activities this season were overseen by Rebecca Schulman, Lindsey Breese, and Anna Ragonese. Multi-day summer sports clinics were run and staffed by the School Dept.
 - ✓ The summer tennis program has enjoyed eight years of consecutive growth under the tutelage of Barry Gorman. What began on one court with 8 participants, 3 mornings a week, now encompasses two to three courts for full weekdays with an overall enrollment of 260 kids and adults - spread out through 24 classes (roughly 11 participants per class). Additional tennis staff was hired this year, with Kevin Espanet, Katherine Englund, and Lauren Main assisting.
- **Replacement benches** were added to the playground area.
- **Vandalism.** Police filed charges against an out of town minor for damaging two of the new handicap-accessible picnic tables. Restitution and community service was being sought.
- **Bubbler/Sprinkler maintenance.** A backflow valve was added to the main water line.
- **Stone Wall Replacement Continues.** 50' of wall along the Northrup/Hopedale Street side of the playground was replaced this year.

AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEES

- **HARFC** (Hopedale Athletic and Recreational Fields Committee)
http://www.hopedale-ma.gov/Public_Documents/HopedaleMA_Parks/harfc
The Committee took a hiatus in 2008 while the Selectmen negotiated the acquisition of Harmony Lot 1-A from Eastland Partners. The lot was vacated – leaving only the Quonset hut behind. The historic downturn in the economy, combined with expected drastic cuts in local budgets, do not bode well for town field expansion at this time.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

The Board continues its tradition of involvement with the local Scouting program with board member Rich Breese serving as our liaison.

- **Adin St. Cupola.** Kevin Keating's project relocated an historic cupola which once sat atop one of the Draper homes, to the Adin St. Triangle. The structure was set upon a new stone foundation, and it now is viewable to all who enter Town westward from Rt. 16. Sitting benches to be added in late fall.
- **Bat Houses.** John Saras built and erected 5 wood duck and 6 bat houses in the Parklands and at various locations in Town.

- **"Lookout" Reclamation.** Approved a James Keating project to re-create a base camp for the local scout troop in the Parklands at the "Lookout" shelter area on Darling Hill. This area was used for this purpose for many years in the 60's and 70's by the troop.

KUDOS& SPECIAL THANKS

The day-to-day workings of the Park Department continue to function without the dedicated administrative assistance. We do our best to monitor and respond to voice and email questions in a timely manner, and we're still the only Board to maintain a virtual office on the Town website to help serve you better. We work diligently to keep your Park facilities running safely and smoothly. Grounds Superintendent Mark Sesona continues to do a superb job overseeing of our grounds and facilities – with outstanding support as always from Highway Superintendent Bob DePonte and his staff.

We thank the Town Hall office staff and our public service departments for their help and assistance, and would especially like to thank the residents of Hopedale for your continued trust and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Espanet

Park Commission Chairman
31, October 2008



Planning Board

74 Hopedale Street
Hopedale, MA 01747

Annual Report for FY2008

Our regularly scheduled meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month in the Draper Room, Town Hall. Officers for the year were:

Howard Maurer, Chairman
Catherine Pisacane, Vice Chairman
Carol Whyte, Secretary
Donna Hayres, member
Louis Costanza, member

Harmony Estates housing development, which contains over 160 residences, has been completed and the final acceptance of nine (9) roadways there was made at Special Town Meeting, November 6, 2007 for an additional 3.5+ miles of roadway. However, Parcel A located off Rockridge Road, has not been deeded to the town as of this report.

The Board continues to hear applications for land division and amended site plans. These applications are of an individual nature relative to one specific property. The only subdivision of present is a 5 lot sub-division that was approved in 2001 and stated this year at Jackson Way, located within the Harmony Estates area.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Maurer, Chairman
Catherine Pisacane
Carol Whyte
Donna Hayres
Louis Costanza



POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Chief Of Police

Eugene P. Costanza

FISCAL 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of Hopedale, I hereby submit the Hopedale Police Department Annual Town Report.

Stats for this reporting year have varied. Overall calls for service have increased yet other categories decreased. Our present manpower has done it's best to handle the influx of calls.

The "911" system must be manned twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Civilian Public Safety Dispatchers are hired to perform this and numerous other tasks. It is a constant challenge to maintain part time dispatchers to fill open shifts. Therefore the overtime funding for dispatch is a constant concern.

During the course of the year, we held several events such as, the 15th Annual Hopedale Police and Fireman's Ball, a Children I.D. Program, a bicycle safety day, bicycle helmet program, trip to the Pawtucket Red Sox for resident families, Halloween parade and party for the children, along with the Police Union sponsoring a little league team.

The police department continued its philosophy of Community Policing and maintained the Officer on Bicycle/E.E.V. Patrol unit. As a result of the Community Policing Grant offered by the state, we are able to have a Harley Davidson Police Motorcycle available for patrol. The residents have seen the officers on their bikes, motorcycle and Golf Cart at various public events such as, band concerts, road races, parades, and at times on routine patrol in the area of the park, park lands, center of town and neighborhoods. This type of policing has given us a better way to interact with the residents and children in town. Once again I received a lot of positive feed back from the residents regarding this program, especially in the area of the town park.

The police department applied for and received several grants during the year. We received two grants from the Executive Office of Public Safety. The first was for \$12,000.00 to continue our community-policing program. The second was for \$16,950.00 and

allowed us to get the HVAC system in the police station cleaned, to replace several failed windows with newer energy efficient ones and remove and replace the handicap ramp in the front of the station. We received a \$5,000.00 grant from the state to cover costs associated with training all personnel on the new E911 system that the state installed in October of 2007. We also received \$4,800.00 from the state and federal government to purchase new bulletproof vests for officers.

Our police memorial project stalled for a while as a result of the memorial stone taking so long to arrive from China. It is still an on going project and we hope to have our dedication date set for the fall of 2008.

Officer Gagnon continued to be our School Resource Officer. He will continue to work hand and hand with school personnel on a daily basis. To date the program has continued to be a huge success.

There were some personnel changes during the year on the department. Lieutenant James Gardner retired after 21 years of service. We wish Jim all the best in his future endeavors. As a result of that we had some promotions and a new hire on the department. Sgt. Mark Giovanella was promoted to Lieutenant, Officer Donald Martin was promoted to Sergeant and Brandon Starkus was hired as a full time officer.

We worked most of the year with just ten of the twelve officers on staff. The Lieutenant was out from July 1st- April 30th as a result of an on the job injury. He did retire at the end of April. Officer Steve Stodulski was out with an on the job injury all year. The over time budget took a huge hit as a result of this and as of now Officer Stodulski's return to work date is unknown. Next years overtime budget doesn't look as if it will get any better if we don't get Officer Stodulski back.

I want to thank the residents, Town Boards and Departments for their support and assistance. I look forward to working in unison with all parties during my tenure as Chief of Police. I especially want to extend my thanks to the members of the Hopedale Police Department. These men and women are a dedicated, sincere, and a loyal group of individuals whom have shown their support for me and always give 110%.

My intent was, and will always be, to maintain the demeanor of the Hopedale Police Department personnel in order to continue being a people's police department. As Chief of Police, I feel we have achieved this goal, along with maintaining our professional image, and always remembering we are here to protect, to serve, and to interact with the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eugene P. Costanza Jr.
Chief of Police



HOPEDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

FISCAL 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

TRAFFIC ACTIVITY

	2007	2008	INCREASE / DECREASE	
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Accidents Responded Too	98	100	2.04%	
Total Number Of Parking Tickets Issued	274	163		-40.51%
Total Number Of Vehicles Towed	151	156	3.31%	
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Lockouts	41	57	39.02%	
Total Number Of Abandoned Vehicles	2	6	200.00%	
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Thefts	4	6	50.00%	
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Violation Stops	1444	1572	8.86%	
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	1334	1665	24.81%	
Total Number Of Written Warnings Issued	883	1176	33.18%	
Total Number Of Hours Spent On Selective Enforcement	367	226		-38.42%
Total Number Of Hours Spent For School Resource Officer	230	127		-44.78%
Total Number Of Hours Spent On Preventative Patrolling	6321	6516	3.08%	
Total Number Of Hours Spent At Court	174	145		-16.67%
Total Number Of Hours Spent On Community Policing	280	156		-44.29%
Total Number Of Hours Assisting Other Agencies	246	102		-58.54%

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Total Number Of Alarm Calls	232	253	9.05%	
Total Number Of Annoying Phone Calls	9	15	66.67%	
Total Number Of Burglary / Breaking & Entering	15	16	6.67%	
Total Number Of Summons Served / Delivered	125	94		-24.80%
Total Number Of Vandalism Calls	15	4		-73.33%
Total Number Of Missing Persons / Runaway / Juvenile	12	16	33.33%	
Total Number Of Property Checks Made	623	795	27.61%	
Total Number Of 911 Calls	973	1017	4.52%	
Total Number Of Disturbance / Fight Calls	56	87	55.36%	
Total Number Of Animal Complaint Calls	162	187	15.43%	
Total Number Of Arrests	237	227		-4.22%
Total Number Of Officer Investigative Cases	2431	2547	4.77%	
Total Number Of Field Interviews	316	381	20.57%	
Total Number Of Calls For Service	11355	13446	18.41%	



Board of Road Commissioners

7 Depot Street
Hopedale, MA 01747

Annual Report FY2008

The Board of Road Commissioners meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the Highway Department Office located at 7 Depot St. The officers for the year were: John Farrar, Chairman, Joseph Sweet, Inspector and Eli Potty, Clerk.

This year our department paved a section of Dutcher St., from the intersection with Adin St. to the intersection of Freedom St., for an estimated distance of 2,000' x 28'. This portion was cold planed and overlaid with 1½" asphalt. Monies for this project were from Public Works account.

The annual town meeting authorized the acquisition of a new front end loader and a sidewalk tractor, replacing existing aged machines. We are also fortunate to be able to do a considerable amount of in-house repair work to existing vehicles, equipment and machinery, saving the town considerable sums of monies. A major effort was refurbishing the cab on another front end loader with significant costs savings. The "blue" building to the rear of the department facility was completely re-roofed in the fall providing a more secure and protective covering to vehicles and equipment for the coming winter.

The Highway Department continued to provide a valuable leaf pick-up program in the fall, that continued late into the season. And while the winter was packed with snow and ice storms we maintained a successful season of no major break downs or repairs to our vehicles and equipment. We also had the roadway lines and the crosswalks repainted and we continue to assist other town departments as needed.

We supported the town acceptance of the following nine (9) roadways in the Harmony Estates development at the Special Town Meeting of November 6, 2007. These roadways constitute approximately 3.5+ additional miles.

- Rockridge Road for a length of 2,068.40 feet
- Harmony Trail for a length of 2,963.55 feet
- Country Club Lane for a length of 325.34 feet
- Gannett Way for a length of 2,181.31 feet
- Heron Lane for a length of 2,169.87 feet
- Forest Path for a length of 1,000 feet
- Larkin Lane for a length of 3,539.98 feet
- Haven Way for a length of 1,668.22 feet
- Liberty Circle for a length of 543.94 feet

Respectfully submitted,

John Farrar, Chairman
Joseph Sweet
Eli Potty



PATRICIA C. RUANE Ed.D.
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



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One Hundred Twenty-Second Commencement of Hopedale High School
May 31, 2008

Elizabeth Paige Abate
Nina Marie Abbondanza
Allison Rose Abbruzzese
Nicholas Anthony Alexander, Jr.
Kayla Dorothy Beaudoin
Diana Ashley Beckvold
Jessica Mary Beder
Jeffrey Donald Bliss
Alana Anne Bonavita
Natalie Lauren Brochu*
Mara-Kristine Butler
Ryan Andrew Capuzziello
Daniel Joseph Ciaramicoli
Joseph Edward Clayton
Patrick Joseph Cochran
Jonathan Patrick Costigan
Lekia Chantel Cowen
Jonathan Goncalves Cristino
Jeffrey Ryan Denecke
Robert Anthony Dias
Acacia Lyn DiCiaccio
Jeffrey Steven Donaher
Samuel Cox Ellis
Cecilia Kotch Falcao
Maria Antonia Fontana*
Rachel Hannah Francer
Megan Elizabeth Frederick

Shanna Rose Lathrop
Noelle Suzanne Laumeister
Ariana Gwynneth Lee
Sean Randall Lehman
Patrick Steven Lemon
Brenda Lin MacArthur*
Courtney Rose Mank
Adam Edward Miller*
Rachel Elizabeth Miranda
Hannah Katherine Mitchell
Nicholas Adam Moe
Samuel Andrew Morin
Shawn Paul Morreale
Andrew William Morrell
Lauren Ashley Nealon
Katelyn Ann Newman
Colin Brooks Ogilvie*
Brittany Lynne Palmer
Justin Nicholas Pannichelli
Amy Elizabeth Paula
Jessica Lynne Peacock*
Lauren Elizabeth Rajcula
Ashley Marie Reichert
Alexa May Ryan
Stephen Phillip Salvucci
Christopher James Seymour
Robert Ethan Sideman

Mary Teresa Gala
Jennifer Susan Guerin
Nicholas Matthew Guidi
Andrew Paul Gurley
Corey James Howard
Matthew Paul Hyman
Lauren Molly Ingraham
Lauren Gabrielle Joe
Amanda Jean Kelleher
Stephen Michael Kerr
Jillian Maria Kizielewicz*
Krista Marie Landry

Michael Stuppiello
Christopher Joseph Sturgis
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Timothy Joseph Veasey
Justin Chad Vinueza
Paul Scott Washburn
Lindsay Rose Weaver
Taylor Emerson Wood

** National Honor Society Member*

The Hopedale School Committee hereby approves this and the attached Report of the Superintendent of Schools as the Annual Report of the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Hampsch, Chair
Hopedale School Committee



HOPEDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

In addition to maintaining safe schools and learning environments, we have made strategic decisions to advance our mission and respond to unique challenges during the 2007-2008 school year. Here are the highlights. A full explanation of each item is posted on the Hopedale School website, under School Committee (www.hopedale.k12.ma.us)

COST SAVINGS MEASURES

The School Committee and Leadership Team continue to benefit from prior cost-savings measures: regional partnerships, multi-district energy efficiencies, and participation in joint bids that keep costs down. During 2007-08, we implemented these new strategies to build capacity for future savings:

- Roof Repair at Memorial School – Proposal to get money from the School Building Authority
- Capacity Building at Preschool - Designed a program for children with Autism
- Complete Analysis and Close Monitoring of (Fee-Based) Revolving Fund Programs, including Food Services, Preschool, Full-day Kindergarten, Day Care, and Athletics.

INSTRUCTIONAL INITIATIVES

A. Bright Beginnings Center – Full day, fee based program for 4 year olds.

B. Memorial School - Work in Grades K-6 focused on improved student assessment, improved communication of student progress, and continued refinement of Social Studies and math initiatives. Thanks to town support, replaced obsolete, dysfunctional computers with new, portable equipment in the second of three phases of a technology lease to purchase plan designed and directed by Tom Plati, our Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Technology. As a result, more teachers are able to use technology as a management and instructional tool that expands our teaching capacity as it expands students' intellectual access and horizons. Memorial's talented staff worked collaboratively on the following:

- Introduction of Standards-Based Report Cards.
- Launching of the Debby Kita Book Award Program.
- Exploration of Full-Day Kindergarten.
- Focus on Teacher Coursework in Math and Science
- Introduction of Units on China and Mexico
- Grade 6 Peak Intellectual Experience – Nature's Classroom Project
- Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS) Initiative with grant funding

C. Jr.-Sr. High School - Like the Memorial School, the Jr.-Sr. High School has benefitted from the replacement of obsolete equipment though the Technology lease to purchase agreement. In all curriculum areas, teachers are helping our students access and discriminate the quality and validity of information. Specifically, our secondary staff worked on the following:

- Social Studies – Piloting of New Grade 10 Global Studies Course
- Revised Physical Education Program – K-12
- Grade 8 Peak Intellectual Experience in Math
- Excellent MCAS and AP Test Results
- Addition of Part-time Reading Specialist
- New Elective Courses at No Additional Cost: Topics in Engineering Design, Astronomy, Advanced Biology Topics, and Forensics.
- International Travel – Student trips to Costa Rica and Spain.

D. DISTRICT-WIDE EFFORTS

In addition to initiatives already cited, the District Leadership Team oversaw system-wide work in these areas:

- Successful Civil Rights Coordinated Program Review
- Response to new Mandates: Data-Driven Reports
- Facelift for School Website
- Community-wide Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and “Power of One” Award

Having completed my fourth year as Superintendent of Schools, I want to thank the School Committee, Selectmen, Finance Committee, Town Coordinator, Department Heads, and the Hopedale community for their help and support of our public schools. As a Hopedale citizen and taxpayer, I can attest that the Hopedale Public Schools deliver tremendous value for the Town’s tax contribution. It is my great privilege to work with a fine group of colleagues, and with them, to serve Hopedale students and their families.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia C. Ruane Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Town Coordinator

Eugene N. Phillips

With the nation sliding toward recession, fiscal 2008 was challenging for the Town of Hopedale and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. At the local level, the Board of Selectmen worked closely with the Finance Committee and applauded the small group's hard work, dedication and creative money-saving ideas. Our goal was to keep departmental budgets in line with fiscal reality while still continuing to provide good working conditions for the town's many dedicated employees.

For example, the Board added two new benefits for employees that we believe have significant impact on employee satisfaction but cost taxpayers nothing. The benefits include employee disability insurance (both short term and long term) through Boston Mutual, and pre-tax benefits (FSA) for medical care (maximum of \$2,500) and dependent care (\$5,000).

In December, the Board – hoping once again to keep already high residential taxes from going higher – approved a split tax rate (\$11.65 per thousand for residential and \$20.08 per thousand for commercial and industrial properties).

In an effort to raise additional monies without raising the tax burden, the Board met several times with a variety of cell tower companies interested in purchasing the Town's existing leases for cell towers located on the town-owned water tank near Steel Road and Williams Street. We solicited requests for proposals (RFPs) in July, 2007 and awarded the contract to UNISON in May, 2008. The town received a \$550,000 buyout for the leases along with a promise to market the single remaining spot for another tower.

Public safety issues included an earmark grant to update the traffic lights at the intersection of Route 16 (Mendon Road) and Hopedale Street. Work was completed which automated the signals based on actual traffic volume in all directions and added controls to all Public Safety vehicles by giving them the ability to control the signals when approaching in emergency mode.

Other safety-related issues included the successful conclusion of negotiations with the police union for its contract, which was signed on October 1. The Town also solicited bids for the potential cleaning and dredging of Hopedale Pond. The anticipated completion date for the study is January, 2009.

One of the most visible public safety projects for the year was the closure of the Mill Street Bridge. The Board met with residents who would be impacted by the closure in October, 2007 to discuss details of the state-mandated and state-funded project. The bridge was slated for temporary closure at the end of October, causing residents in Laurelwood and other homes in the area to add several miles of driving to reach downtown Hopedale. The town, concerned for the safety of residents in the affected area, crafted an agreement with the town of Mendon for police, fire and ambulance mutual aid as first responders so residents needing any of those services would not have to wait for Hopedale vehicles to arrive.

The Mill Street Bridge closure would prove to be a thorny issue all year long, with the Office of Dam Safety and Mass Highway's lack of joint communications causing several delays and work stoppages along the way, delaying the completion date for the work there.

Better news came from the Board's contracted site assessment commissioned of Parcel A, a potential site for new town fields and recreational facilities. The assessment showed no dangerous levels of contaminants that would prevent development or use of the area. Attendees at the November Special Town Meeting then accepted Parcel A, which was deeded to the Town by the developers of Harmony Estates off Green Street. The Board subsequently held preliminary discussions with interested residents – including those who abut the property and members of the Hopedale Athletic Recreational Fields Committee (HARF) to discuss the future of the property. It was noted that the land was turned over to the town for parks/recreation and field use. HARF has drawn up preliminary plans for the kinds of fields that could be built there based on the property's topography.

In other good news, after years of private fundraising, grant-writing and Town Meeting contributions, the contract for the restoration of the town-owned Little Red Shop on Hopedale Street was awarded to the Whipple Construction Company of Worcester. The Red Shop is the oldest remaining industrial building in Hopedale and was instrumental to both the early Hopedale Community and to the birth of the textile revolution in New England. Reconstruction on the dilapidated building began in August, 2007 and most of the major work was completed by January, 2008. Many local companies donated goods and services for the restoration, including Gerry's Paintland, D&E Painting, Crown Electric, Swift's Creative Landscaping and others. The shop was re-painted a barn red in the spring by D&E and State Senator Richard Moore was on-hand to help kick off the painting work.

The Massachusetts School Building Authority finally released audits for both the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School and Memorial School building projects. The preliminary audits by the state showed almost \$900,000 of ineligible costs that would have reduced the Town's annual reimbursement by more than \$100,000. After a thorough analysis by both school and general government staffs, the town successfully contested \$149,000. The direct savings coupled with lesser interest will mean more than \$250,000 in additional reimbursement dollars coming back to the town than the initial audits showed.

Building maintenance costs are often unpredictable and this year was no exception. School Superintendent Patricia Ruane and the School Committee notified the town of a serious roof leak emanating from the copper-clad wooden cupola sitting atop the Junior/Senior High School building. The estimated costs for repairing the architectural element ranged as high as \$700,000. Working together, the Board and School Committee determined the most prudent course of action was to remove the cupola, repair the roof and store the cupola until funds could be raised (both publicly and privately) to restore the structure and return it to the roof. Several proposals for alternative cupolas were rejected as too costly for little value.

By May, it was clear the town would be facing hard choices at the annual Town Meeting. For only the second time since Proposition 2½ was enacted by the Commonwealth, the town reached its levy limit. Rules at the annual town meeting were suggested and then voted upon; putting in place a requirement that any motion to increase a budget over the Finance Committee's recommendation must also include a stipulation from which budget the funds would be taken.

Despite tough financial times, Hopedale once again kept its Moody's bond rating high, at the A2 designation. A high rating with Moody's allows for lower borrowing costs for the town. Moody's cited the town's conservative management of its finances and the level of stabilization funding the town had set aside as reasons for its rating recommendation.

The Board bid farewell to Selectman Chairman Lou Arcudi following May's election and welcomed Robert Burns as our newest member. On behalf of the Town and ourselves, we would like to thank Mr. Arcudi for his dedicated service, resourcefulness, insight, unquestionable integrity and his unfailing sense of humor. We wish him well.

With the departure of Mr. Arcudi, Michael Collins became the Board's chair. New member Robert Burns agreed to serve as liaison with the School Committee and to continue his participation as a member of the Draper Reuse Committee.

Other notable happenings for fiscal year 2008 included the following:

- In the fall of 2007, the town received news that the Grafton & Upton Railroad had sold a joint interest in the line to Jon Delli Priscoli, who purchased a 50% stake in the railroad. Mr. Delli Priscoli quickly began work on clearing the areas around the old rail bed and indicated to the town his plans for resurrecting the line for shipping between Milford and Grafton. He continued his work on clearing the land and making improvements to the rail bed.
- Hopedale joined the ranks of nearly every other city and town in the Commonwealth by creating a town flag. Funds to create multiple copies of the flag were sponsored by the Hopedale Foundation, and a flag-raising was held at the Massachusetts State House's Hall of Flags on June 24. Selectman Bob Burns and his family were in attendance along with Town Coordinator Gene Phillips and Executive Secretary Patricia Goodwin.
- The Town bid farewell to long-time Police Lieutenant James Gardner after nearly 20 years on the force and promoted former Sergeant Mark Giovanella to the Lieutenant's position.
- Board members Michael Collins and Alan Ryan, along with Town Coordinator Gene Phillips, met with Governor Deval Patrick at a Government Affairs Luncheon in April, 2008, at the Portuguese Club in Milford.
- The Board agreed to accept Chapter 32B, Section 19 of Massachusetts General Laws, which allows us to form a Public Employees Committee to help determine whether the Town employees should enter the state's GIC insurance, which promises significant savings for the town while providing very similar plans to those currently offered to Hopedale employees. The Public Employees Committee would include one representative from each of the town's unions as well as a retiree. In a PEC, each member's vote is weighted based on the population of the union he or she represents, which essentially provides controlling interest to the two school-related unions.
- In December, the Board approved a variety of annual licenses for food, alcoholic beverages, and auto sales/repairs.
- The grounds of the old Draper complex went Hollywood for several weeks during the summer as it became the setting for part of a futuristic film starring Bruce Willis.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan J. Ryan

For the Board of Selectmen

Michael E. Collins

Alan J. Ryan

Robert Burns

Trustee Report for the South Hopedale Town Cemetery Fiscal Year 2008

We are pleased to report town approval for replacement of the existing chain at the main entrance with a white wooden gate, which was built and installed by George Bushnell, Cemetery Caretaker. George has done a wonderful job in keeping the grounds well-groomed, but reports the following areas of concern that should be addressed when budget allows:

- Removal of dead limbs from many of the pine trees, and a couple of the trees are dead and should be removed.
- Repair vault wall, which is in danger of collapsing.
- Replace the chains at the two walkway entrances to the cemetery with white wooden gates.

We would also like to report that contrary to popular belief, there are several prime burial lots available for sale. Interested parties should contact Eugene Phillips, Hopedale Town Coordinator, or the Cemetery Caretaker.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Simmons
Cemetery Trustee

ANNUAL REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

Fiscal 2008

The past fiscal year was an active year in which Town Counsel rendered numerous legal opinions, approved contracts and guided transactions, met with the Board of Selectmen and various other boards, and handled a number of lawsuits on the Town's behalf.

Town Counsel continues to represent the Town in various ongoing litigation matters in state superior court, land court, state district court and before various administrative boards. There are presently seven pending litigation matters involving the Town, ranging from land use disputes to various labor grievances and including one personal injury claim.

Over the past fiscal year, we were able to resolve an enforcement matter involving the use of property as a lodging house in violation of the Town's Zoning By-Laws and certain provisions of the State Building Code. We were also successful in obtaining an adjudication of dismissal of a union grievance against the Town.

This year we have advised the Town on various leases, land dispositions and contracts. We assisted the Town with addressing proposals for a ground lease for the maintenance and development of wireless communications facilities as well as negotiating and drafting a first of its kind lease for this type of arrangement. We have represented the Town in connection with a Town Common lease agreement and a temporary cupola enclosure contract for engineering at the High School. We also have assisted the Town with a request for proposals and an agreement for professional

engineering services for the Hopedale Pond assessment and restoration project. We prepared an intermunicipal agreement between Hopedale and Mendon for provision of emergency ambulance services and represented the Town with respect to acceptance of deeds and grants of easements in the Harmony subdivision.

As always, we have provided a number of opinion letters to the Town, including opinions regarding special needs tuition payments, procedures in connection with gifts and donations, cable television renewal license procedures and various public records requests. We have also provided guidance on various labor matters and have drafted Town Meeting warrant articles requested by the Board of Selectmen.

Town Counsel has continued to take a pro-active approach to keeping control of costs by sending out numerous memoranda on various areas of municipal law at no charge to the community. For example, we have outlined and explained recent amendments to the Community Preservation Act, recent legislation concerning county roads, and changes to the Massachusetts Health Care Reform Law. We have provided guidance as to FCC orders regarding competitive cable television licenses and the effect of new fire sprinkler legislation upon 2008 liquor license renewal applications. We have advised as to intermunicipal agreements for public health emergency preparedness, summarized new identity theft laws, provided guidance as to procedures governing presidential primaries, outlined procedures for processing claims and lawsuits, summarized laws for addressing shortfalls in snow and ice budgets and provided bulletins as to recent notable municipal law litigation and appellate decisions.

As always, we strive to provide timely and concise responses to requests for advisory opinions and have assisted in the review of articles for the Warrants for Town Meetings as well as attending Town Meetings and various board meetings.

We wish to express our thanks to all the people who have dedicated their time to the town government in Hopedale, especially the Board of Selectmen, Town Coordinator, and department heads. Without their assistance and cooperation, our collective objectives could not be attained.

Respectfully submitted,

Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER/TOWN COLLECTOR

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale:

This is my 4th Annual Report as your Treasurer/Collector and I am very pleased with the continued progress we continue to make to improve our services and overall effectiveness. This office consists of six business units headed by the Treasurer/Town Collector. These include the collector's division, treasury, payroll, benefits administration, parking ticket administration and general office support.

Our responsibilities include initiating temporary and permanent borrowing, investing, managing and disbursing town funds, receiving all revenues of the town, processing the school and town payrolls, and performing other statutory functions required by the state and federal laws. This department is responsible for the billing and collection of all real estate, motor vehicle excise, personal property taxes, sewer and water assessments and billings, and all other monies committed to the department for collection. Additionally, the general offices falling under the responsibility of the Treasurer/Town Collector assists other town departments by distributing recycle bins to the taxpayers for the Board of Health, processing all building permits, electrical permits, gas permits and plumbing permits, and distributing and collecting fees for printed materials such as the residents lists, zoning bylaws, town bylaws and other materials.

I would like to thank the taxpayers of Hopedale for their continued diligence in paying their taxes and assessments in a timely fashion. The Board of Selectmen and I am very privileged to have the assistance of an extremely competent staff. Thank you Donna, Patricia and Sandra; I sincerely appreciate all of your hard work as well as your continued cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Walls
Treasurer/Town Collector



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REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

Fiscal Year 2008

RECEIVABLES BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2008

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Fiscal 2005 & Prior	\$28,989.00	
Fiscal 2006	\$2,999.00	
Fiscal 2007	\$3,964.00	
Fiscal 2008	\$5,135.00	
		<u>\$41,087.00</u>

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Fiscal 2005 & Prior	\$7,102.00	
Fiscal 2006	\$13,700.00	
Fiscal 2007	\$31,976.00	
Fiscal 2008	\$296,729.00	
		<u>\$349,507.00</u>

TAX TITLE ACCOUNTS

\$266,671.00

TAX DEFERRAL ACCOUNT

\$17,565.00

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Fiscal 2005 and Prior	\$76,122.00	
Fiscal 2006	\$9,956.00	
Fiscal 2007	\$16,003.00	
Fiscal 2008	\$31,312.00	
		<u>\$133,393.00</u>

TOTAL OUTSTANDING RECEIVABLES

\$808,223.00



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REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2008

NON INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS:

Cash in Office	\$250.00	
		<u>\$250.00</u>

INTEREST BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNTS

Boston Safe - Vendor Account	\$19,424.97	
Unibank - Elementary	\$27,984.11	
Unibank - High School	\$72,964.53	
Unibank - Payroll	\$7,566.40	
		<u>\$127,940.01</u>

LIQUID INVESTMENTS

Fleet (Performance Bond)	\$2,481.06	
Fleet (Performance Bond)	\$612.74	
Fleet (Performance Bond)	\$1,835.52	
Fleet (Performance Bond)	\$3,724.88	
Fleet (Performance Bond)	\$11,230.84	
Fleet (Performance Bond)	\$5,530.83	
Ben Franklin Savings	\$151,136.69	
Strata MM	\$217,026.43	
MMDT	\$141,879.31	
Boston Safe Deposit MM	\$85,760.60	
Fleet MM	\$98,978.48	
Bank North	\$46,510.53	
Eastern Bank	\$93,655.12	
Unibank Depository	\$321,079.16	
Unibank MM	\$280,741.63	
Citizens MM	\$444,945.56	
Century Bank & Trust	\$793,878.71	
Webster Bank	\$212,634.05	
Health Insurance Trust	\$824,406.46	
		<u>\$3,738,048.60</u>

TERM INVESTMENTS

Barthloemew	\$202,530.49	
Milford National	\$204,813.07	
		<u>\$407,343.56</u>

STABILIZATION

Merrill Lynch		
Barthloemew	\$1,762,619.72	
		<u>\$1,762,619.72</u>

TRUST FUNDS

Barthloemew	\$80,989.48	
		<u>\$80,989.48</u>

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS

	<u><u>\$6,117,191.37</u></u>
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REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Fiscal Year 2008

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF INTEREST EARNED

INTEREST BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNTS

Boston Safe - Vendor Account	\$1,199.38
Citizens ws	\$3,786.74
Unibank - Payroll	\$1,583.59
	<u>\$6,569.71</u>

LIQUID INVESTMENTS

MMDT	\$6,087.97
Boston Safe Deposit MM	\$3,260.51
Fleet MM	\$1,749.80
Bank North	\$1,803.41
Eastern Bank	\$3,308.44
Strata MM	\$4,446.15
Unibank MM	\$24,448.41
Citizens MM	\$12,652.64
Century Bank & Trust	\$10,749.00
Webster Bank	\$3,063.36
	<u>\$71,569.69</u>

TERM INVESTMENTS

Bartholemew	\$6,617.05
Milford National	\$4,813.07
Fleet	\$449.38
Strata	\$4,622.77
	<u>\$16,502.27</u>

STABILIZATION

Bartholemew	\$56,815.81
	<u>\$56,815.81</u>

TRUST FUNDS

Unibank	\$6,825.53
Bartholemew	
	<u>\$6,825.53</u>

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS

\$158,283.01



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STATEMENT OF INDEBTNESS

Fiscal Year 2008

Long Term Debt	Outstanding 1-Jul-07	New Debt Issued	Retirements	Outstanding 30-Jun-08	Interest Paid in FY08
School Building	\$13,535,000		\$1,295,000	\$12,240,000	\$548,106
Sewer	\$1,061,049	\$350,000	\$60,777	\$1,350,272	\$34,131
Solid Waste		\$0		\$0	
Water	\$1,019,626	\$630,000	\$55,860	\$1,593,766	\$16,992
Fire Station	\$1,923,000	\$0	\$134,000	\$1,789,000	\$98,907
SUB-TOTAL	\$17,538,675	\$980,000	\$1,545,637	\$16,973,038	\$698,136
Total Long Term Debt	\$17,538,675	\$980,000	\$1,545,637	\$16,973,037	\$698,135

Short Term Debt	Outstanding 1-Jul-07	New Debt Issued	Retirements	Outstanding 30-Jun-08	Interest Paid in FY08
BAN's (Bond Anticipation Note)					
Building - Fire Station			\$0	\$0	
Sewer		\$0		\$0	\$0
Water		\$130,000	\$0	\$130,000	\$0
Other - Fire Truck	\$580,000	\$0	\$0	\$580,000	\$21,629
Total Short Term Debt	\$580,000	\$130,000	\$0	\$710,000	\$21,629

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Your local Veterans' Service Officer is committed to assist our needy veterans and dependents, with the same concern and compassion that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office and the Massachusetts House and Senate had when aid and assistance programs for our veterans were first established in the Commonwealth in 1861.

Many reforms and changes have been made to improve the delivery of services. Today, with the continued support of the Commonwealth and its legislators, your Veterans' Service Officer is meeting the needs of our former service personnel. Your Veterans' Service Officer administers many varied entitlement programs and for this reason, your local Department of Veterans' Services is considered a one-stop center.

In addition to the duties to aid, assist and advise, as stated in Chapter 115, Massachusetts General Law, your Veterans' Service Officer Counsels, files claims, and explores every avenue leading to the resources and revenue available for the veteran. This past year my office aided over 70 claims for veterans/dependents, bringing into the Town of Hopkinton VA benefits amounting to \$620,748.00.

The veteran or dependent of the veteran must be motivated to realize and be aware of his or her own assets. Where rehabilitation may be required, proper attention is given to that need, while treating the veteran or his dependent with dignity and courtesy. Our services to veterans and to their dependents are a record of which we are proud.

Your Veterans' Service Officer will continue to meet his responsibility to the taxpayer with diligence, keeping in mind that monies received from other resources will reduce the financial responsibility to the Town.

Major changes in Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 115, affecting all veterans within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts include:

1. We now have two State cemeteries - located in Agawam-Winchendon.
2. Reimbursement to cities and town, 75% of the cost of flags for flagging veteran's gravesites on Memorial Day.
3. Reimbursement to each city and town 100% for training programs for veterans service officers.
4. Increase in real estate tax abatement for certain disabled veterans.
5. Granting surviving spouse of certain disabled veterans the same real estate tax abatement that the veterans received while alive.
6. Increased annuity payments to \$2,000.00, including all 100% disabled veterans, gold star parents and gold star spouses of eligible deceased veteran's, c 115, sec 6a, 6b, and 6c.
7. An increase in Burial Allowance to \$2,000.00.
8. Peacetime Veterans now qualify for c115 State Benefits.
9. Established and funded a Women's Outreach Program.
10. Welcome Home Bonus - c130 Acts of 2005 - \$1,000.00--\$500.00.

A note of interest-we find that many of our returning Afghanistan-Iraq war veterans have not filed for their State Bonus-

As well as those who have served in Bosnia-Kosovo Conflicts

11. Compilation of all veterans of all wars.
12. Established veterans web site

My thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their understanding of the needs of veterans and for their continued support to insure that those Veterans Service Department's justifiable monetary benefits are met. The Department of Veterans' Services and the Town will continue to fulfill the needs of those who served.

The Department of Veterans' Services will continue to provide service to our Veterans and their dependents, being aware of the fact that our services have constantly increased. It is, therefore, necessary to emphasize the quality of services and continue with our best effort to maintain an efficient and economical Veterans Assistance Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony J. Mastroianni
Director



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**Water & Sewer
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Robert Bird
James Morin**

TOWN OF HOPEDALE WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENTS ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

On behalf of the Water & Sewer Commission, I am pleased to submit the following report for the Water & Wastewater Departments for fiscal year 2008.

Over the past fiscal year, both the water & sewer departments felt the impact of increasing utility rates, trucking and fuel charges as well as more stringent mandates for water quality in not only our drinking water but also our wastewater. Additionally, the departments experienced a decrease in revenue due to the extremely dry year and water use restrictions. In an effort to maintain both systems within budget, the departments cut all non-required spending and outside services and were successful in operating within their approved budgets.

During FY 2008 the Water Department adopted a new set of Rules and Regulations unadjusted it's water rates and received a grant in the sum of twenty eight thousand dollars for water conservation. This grant is intended to educate the public regarding the importance of water conservation, to conduct a water audit and install low flow water devices within town-owned buildings. Also through this grant, low flow showerheads and aerators will be available to all Hopedale users in the upcoming months to assist in reducing water usage. Also completed was an inspection and cleaning of the department's water storage tank, the cleaning of the Greene Street and Mill Street well fields and the investigation of additional water at the Mill Street well field. The Water & Sewer Commission, (with the approval of the Department of Environmental Protection) also signed a contract with Tata & Howard to install test wells behind the old Gerrity Lumber building in an effort to obtain additional water needed for the residents of Hopedale. Unfortunately, after land access was initially granted and test well drilling began, the property owner stopped the project and future access was denied stopping the project. The department will attempt in the coming months to gain access to this land with hopes of continued drilling and finding the additional water Hopedale needs to support future development and residential needs. The department also continues to upgrade its water meter reading program by installing radio read meters and calibrating all master meters yearly. These efforts continue to reduce meter reading time and improve reading accuracy.

The Wastewater Treatment plant has continued to meet the requirements as stated in an Administrative Consent Order from the DEP and the EPA and completed the design and bidding for the required upgrades to the nitrification process and for the removal of copper in the wastewater. These upgrades should be completed by the end of FY 2009 and will fulfill all the issues within the order. Additionally, bids for the replacement of

the soda ash feed system were accepted and work began in April of 2008. These upgrades along with the improved maintenance practices by the wastewater personnel will and have improved the overall operations of the plant, providing a higher quality effluent into the Mill River for years to come.

Sincerely,
Timothy J. Watson, Manager
Water & Sewer Departments

BIAGETTI, SANDRA E.	250.00
BREESE JR., RICHARD	500.00
ALGER, TIMOTHY J.	250.00
DRUGAN, JOSEPH P	4,350.00
GALLAGHER, STEVEN J.	275.00
HOLLAND, EDWARD A.	550.00
COSTANZA, LOUIS J	466.66
ESPANET, RICHARD P	550.00
BURNS, AMY J.	250.00
ROMANO, ANN MARIE	250.00
PALMER-HOWES, SUSAN A.	1,333.34
GALLAGHER, BRIAN T.	250.00
HAYRES, DONNA M.	700.00
HOPKINS, KARLA J.	150.00
POTTY, ELI	700.00
STRAPIONI, COLLEEN M.	100.00
GOMES, GREGORY S.	234.00
PIERCESAW, KENNETH G.	250.00
LERNER, ELIZABETH	1,000.00
MAURER, HOWARD L.	800.00
TRAVERS, D CRAIG	233.34
CORREA, MATTHEW	250.00
COMASTRA, DONALD D	100.00
MARTIN, RICHARD W.	1,000.00
MURDOCK, JOSHUA L.	390.00
BIRD, ROBERT H	733.34
PISACANE, CATHERINE V.	700.00
HAMPSCH, MARY L.	1,000.00
CARROLL, JAMES F.	100.00
SWEET, JOSEPH C.	700.00
MCELROY, MARGARET M.	300.00
ALBERTO, LISA M	1,125.00
TARCA, ALDO P	700.00
MORIN, JAMES M	766.66
TONELLI, JUSTINE A.	1,166.66
MORO, ROBERT M.	616.66
FARRER JR, JOHN E	800.00
LARKIN, FRANCIS J	200.00
BURNS, ROBERT P.	100.00
COLLINS, MICHAEL E	2,000.00
ARCUDI, LOUIS J.	2,333.34
RYAN, ALAN J.	2,166.66
GROSS, VERNON	3,065.78
MALNATI, MICHAEL M.	390.00
MINICHIELLO, JR., ROBERT	2,558.72
HAMILTON, STEVEN J.	2,117.31
MURDOCK, DEREK P.	7,915.35
MURPHY, HAROLD V	2,649.81
KELLY, MATTHEW S.	864.95
LOPEZ, DANIEL	5,223.16

FITZGERALD, RAYMOND F.	3,732.56
TARELLA, MICHAEL D	6,545.22
BETSCHART, THOMAS J.	15,818.38
GRIFFITH, MARK S.	2,176.87
GONCALVES, MICHAEL P.	735.00
CIARAMICOLI, MICHAEL	2,206.75
WAGNER, TEDDY R	433.33
AVELLINO, JOSEPH A.	2,546.68
DIAMOND, PATRICIA E.	294.65
MARCOTTE, MARK A.	2,249.56
BALLOU, PETER M.	312.00
GOODWIN, PATRICIA G.	12,900.00
PHILLIPS, EUGENE N.	75,137.75
PEDROLI, LISA M	28,662.45
CATANZARITI, LINDA M.	53,669.50
WHYTE, CAROL A.	34,892.25
GONSALVES, TERESA M.	55,011.18
SAMPSON, PATRICIA A.	33,841.76
WALLS, BARBARA J.	56,815.32
LAMPHERE, DONNA	35,815.97
JACARUSO, JANET O	31,884.25
HAMMOND, ROBERT A.	522.50
MINICIELLI, WAYNE J	55,655.10
GAGNON, JOHN P	52,119.77
GIOVANELLA, MARK A	107,324.05
BELBEN, JR., KENNETH A.	47,297.49
LIMA, RICARDO C.	68,076.87
LIMA, MARCO C.	33,435.78
COSTANZA, EUGENE P	95,752.21
MARTIN SR, DONALD J	73,195.39
STODULSKI, STEVEN P.	55,882.37
CONLON, JOSEPH P.	55,642.08
MAHAN, STEVEN R	51,917.18
TEBEAU, JOHN A	36,446.64
ANDERSON, KRISTINA L.	6,563.66
WOODFORD III, WILLIAM J.	234.20
MASON, CHERIE A	39,552.46
CORMIER, ROBERT A.	843.12
GLEASON, PAULA A.	37,932.93
COLLINS, LISA M	42,188.81
DAIGE, THOMAS M JR	73,402.40
BARRY, PAUL	50,137.52
GARLAND, SCOTT	66,066.77
GLEASON JR, RICHARD J	67,249.43
MCMORROW, DAVID J	61,643.06
FOSBURGH, JR., LESLIE N.	50,512.18
POIRIER, BRUCE A.	365.75
DUNLAVEY, PHILIP G	423.50
HOAR, T. MATTHEW	789.25
WALCKNER, JAMES A	308.00

POKORNICKI, JR., EDWARD W	308.00
CASTIGLIONE, PAUL	308.00
SANCHIONI, JOHN A.	423.50
CYR, ALAN J.	365.75
GRADY, DENNIS P.	1,157.50
MOFFI, PAUL J.	365.75
SOUSA, CARLOS A.	308.00
JONES, MICHAEL F	284.00
HESTER, CHARLES E	348.04
JENKINS, RYAN T.	52,378.18
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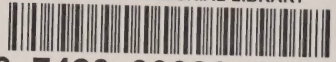
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